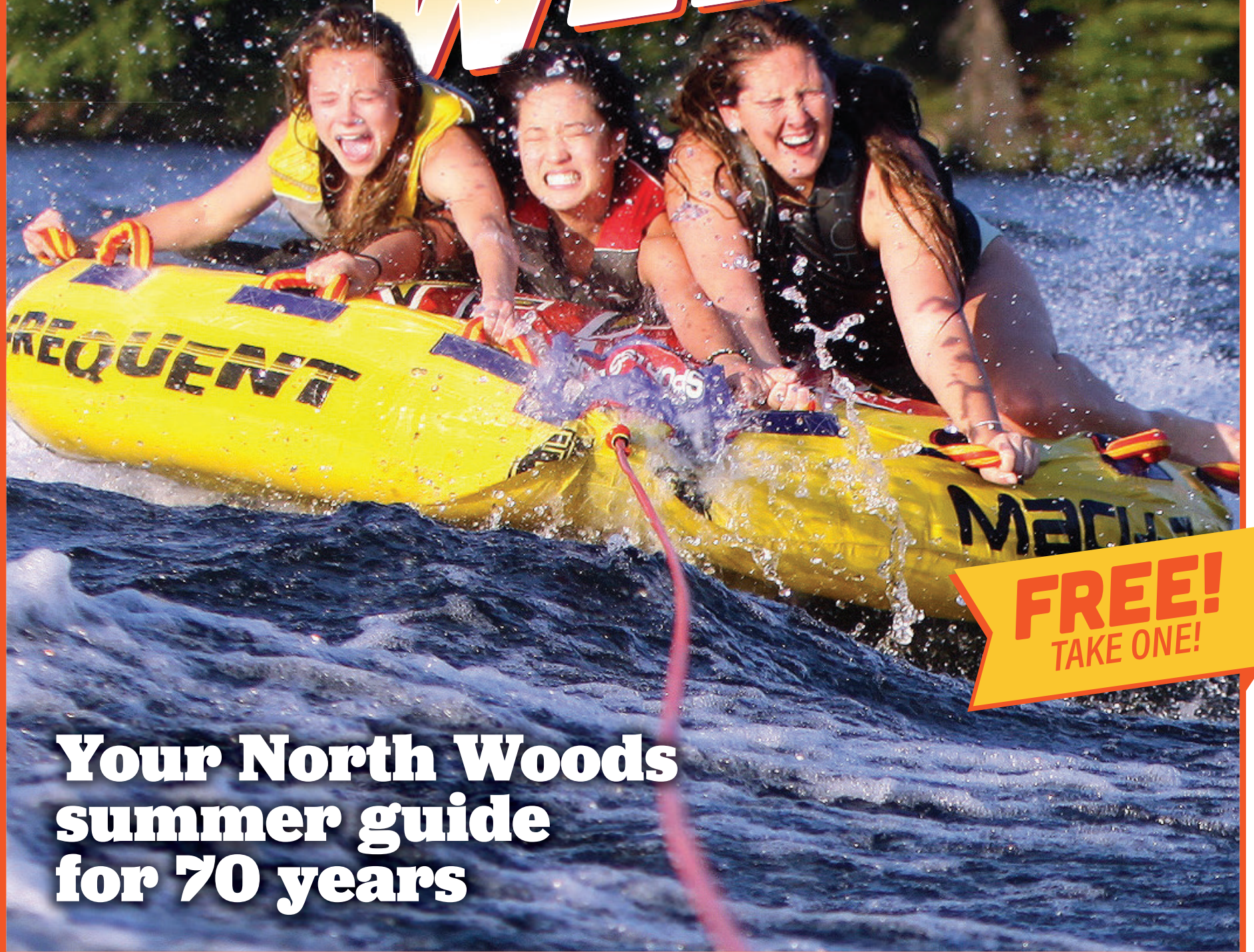


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Fourth of July events throughout the North Woods will kick off the holiday, including parades, fireworks and live entertainment.

Independence Day activities, other summer events planned this week

Area chambers of commerce and organizations hold different events in the North Woods to accommodate visitors who already visit the area in the summer.

The activities planned range from craft fairs to live entertainment and parades.

In addition to the events listed here, some weekly events are planned around the area as well, including waterski shows, live music, and more. For information on things happening in a specific town, visit the corresponding chamber of commerce website.

The following is a list of events and activities provided by tourism officials and other sources.

Detailed stories from some of these events can be found in this publication.

JUNE 26, PICNIC IN THE PARK —

The Northwoods Living Care Foundation Picnic in the Park event is on Wednesday, June 26, at Wavering Park from 5-8:30 p.m.

There will be burgers, brats, hot dogs or pulled pork for sale for \$7. Kids 10 and under can get a hotdog, chips and juice for free.

The Phelps Fire Department volunteers will be selling soda and beer.

Pine River Band will also offer live music for the event.

JUNE 26, CONCERT CRAWL — Soul Child! will play at Timbers Bar and Grill in St. Germain from 6:30 to 8 p.m. as part of the Concert Crawl music series. The series will continue through the rest of the summer as performers continue to play at businesses in downtown St.

Germain. Visit st-germain.com.

JUNE 26, MUSIC ON MAIN STREET —

Flying Blind will play on Main Street in downtown Boulder Junction. The show starts at 6 p.m. and is part of a music series that will continue until the middle of August. Contact 715-385-2400 or visit boulderjct.org.

JUNE 26, CRUISE NIGHTS —

Come together every Wednesday night for the Musky Riders Custom Cruise Nights. The event is held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on county highway M in downtown Boulder Junction. All custom or vintage cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. Contact 715-904-0795.

JUNE 26, WATERCOLOR YOUTH ART

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PROGRAM — Held at Maple Lake Beach in Three Lakes from 9:30 to 11 a.m., children can come to have fun with water-color. The program is free to the public. Children under eight must be accompanied by an adult. Contact 715-546-2361.

JUNE 27, CAR PARK MUSIC SERIES — To kick off this music series, Ellis Delaney will perform at the Snowflake building from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Land O' Lakes. The series will continue for nine more nights throughout the summer. Visit lolaartswi.com or contact 715-547-3950.

JUNE 29, MUSIC AND AQUALAND — Gregg Thomas will perform at Aqualand's Beer Garden in Boulder Junction as part of a music series throughout this summer. The artist will play from 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Contact 715-385-0380.

JUNE 30, TASTE OF CONOVER — Sample specialty foods from area restaurants and businesses from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Conover Town Park. There will be live music for the event. Contact 715-479-4928.

JUNE 30, PRESQUE ISLE DAYS — This family event will be held in downtown Presque Isle on main street starting at 10 a.m., with a lumberjack show and competition, Lions Club food and drink tent, craft vendors and activities for children. Contact 715-686-2910.

JUNE 30, INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION — Festivities in St. Germain will include the annual Freedom 5K Run Walk,

a craft and vendor fair, children's rides, games, live entertainment, food, a 3 p.m. parade, and fireworks at dusk. Contact 715-477-2205.

JUNE 30, MUSIC IN THE PARK — Jenna Jane will be performing in Koller Park in Manitowish Waters from 4 to 6 p.m. as part of an ongoing music series. Various performers will continue to play every Sunday at Koller Park throughout the summer. Visit mwmusicinthepark.com.

JULY 2, LAKESIDE YOGA — Enjoy a relaxing yoga session. Participants will go through gentle stretches and breath work on the shores of Statehouse Lake at the North Discovery Center in Manitowish Waters. The hour-long class runs from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Contact 715-543-2085.

JULY 3, LANDOVER BINGO — Every Sunday through August, Landover Club hosts bingo at Buckatabon Lodge in Conover. Doors open at 5 p.m. and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Check out the Landover Club's Facebook page for more information.

JULY 3, LAND O' LAKES FIREWORKS — At the Land O' Lakes Airport will be one of the best fireworks shows in the North Woods. The gates for the show open at 5 p.m. and the show will begin at dusk. Contact 715-547-3432.

JULY 3, VENETIAN BOAT PARADE — The parade starts near the entrance of Big Fork Lake and Little Fork Lake in Three Lakes. Socializing starts at 8:30 p.m. with the boat parade at 9 p.m. Contact 608-438-5051.

JULY 3, MAKERS MARKET ON MAIN STREET — Visitors

are invited to shop for hand-crafted goods in the Create meadow near Main Street in downtown Sayner. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Wednesday through Aug. 2. Call 715-499-4016.

JULY 3, MUSIC ON MAIN STREET — Amanda Anderson will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. in People's Park in downtown Boulder Junction. Music on Main Street is an ongoing event that will continue each Wednesday through the middle of August. Contact 715-385-2400 or visit boulderjct.org.

JULY 4, FOURTH OF JULY PARADES — Communities across the North Woods will host parades, picnics, family activities and fireworks. Parades will be at 9 a.m. in Three Lakes, 11 a.m. in Eagle River, noon in Boulder Junction and Land O' Lakes, 1 p.m. in Conover and Manitowish Waters, 3 p.m. in Sayner and Phelps, and 4 p.m. in Minocqua. Boat parades will be at 3 p.m. in Manitowish Waters and 6 p.m. in Phelps. Most communities will have fireworks at dusk. Contact local chambers of commerce to confirm times and activities.

JULY 4, BOULDER JUNCTION INDEPENDENCE DAY — Starting at 8 a.m. Boulder Junction will host a fireworks show after events throughout the day. Visitors can end the night with fireworks at Boulder Junction Airport, with the show starting around 9 p.m. Contact 715-385-2400 or visit boulderjct.org.

JULY 4, PLUM SKI-TERS WATER SKI SHOW — Plum Ski-TERS will host a special water ski show for the 4th of July on Plum

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Lake, with viewing at the State House Point Road Boat Landing. The show will start at 7 p.m. and there will still be time for the public to attend the Sayner fireworks after the show.

JULY 4, CHAIN SKIMMERS WATER SKI SHOW — The Chain Skimmers water ski show team will perform an Independence Day show at 7 p.m. on Lake Pleasant in Conover. Contact 708-205-9180.

JULY 4, FIREMAN'S PICNIC — The Plum Lake Volunteer Fire Department will host a chicken barbecue and corn roast at noon at the town park in Sayner. Call 715-892-1877.

JULY 4, 3BEAR 5K RUN — The Lando Center in Land O' Lakes welcomes 5K runners, walkers and bikers of all ages, with timing provided for serious runners. Call 715-547-6333.

JULY 4, PARTY IN THE STREET — From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Eagle River, there will be live music, a beer garden, food, children's activities and a parade at 11 a.m. Call 715-479-6400.

JULY 4, MANITOWISH FLEA AND FARMER'S MARKET — Visitors can stock up on fresh produce and traditional arts from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Manitowish Waters Community Center. The Lions Club food truck will be at the market as well. Call 920-327-0473.

JULY 5, SNO-EAGLE BRAT AND BAKE SALE — Held at Trig's grocery store in downtown Eagle River, the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club will be hosting a brat and bake sale. Organizers encourage people to donate baked goods and stop by for a brat. Contact 715-479-5185.

ABOUT THE COVER

Spending time on the water in and around the North Woods is something family, friends and visitors cherish most. Here, a group of friends and family hang on to their inter tube while taking part in a popular outdoor activity on an Oneida County lake.

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Taste of Conover set June 30

The “Taste of Conover” event will take place on Sunday, June 30, at Conover Town Park, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Admission is free. Tickets for samples of food and beverages will be available at the event entrance in \$1 increments.

These tickets allow all attendees to buy sample portions of authentic North Woods foods and vegetables from taverns, restaurants, and businesses in the park.

A press release states community service groups and trail clubs will be on hand to provide information about their upcoming events, recreational opportunities, fundraisers and more.

Music will also be featured for listening enjoyment at the event.

The Conover Chamber of Commerce wants to remind attendees that pets are not allowed in the park during events per the Town of Conover ordinance.

The event will be held at the Conover Recreation Center, 4697 Park Circle, east of highway 45 on highway K in Conover.

For more information, contact Conover Chamber of Commerce by email at conover.org@gmail.com, calling 715-479-4928, or visit their website at conover.org.

Sweet treats galore on the menu at Tremblay's shop downtown

If the aroma of chocolate is not enough to draw those wandering the streets of downtown Eagle River into Tremblay's Sweet Shop, the sight of workers forming piles of fudge into neat loaves often is.

Candy lovers of all ages have headed to Tremblay's for more than 30 years. Originally Zimplemann's Soda Fountain, Tremblay's offers a variety of treats made right in the store.

Those passing by can see fudge and peanut brittle being made through the windows at the front of the store. Employees are often stirring large pots for a curious and hungry audience. Although Tremblay's specialty is fudge, the sweet shop has many kinds of chocolate treats including turtles, hand-dipped chocolates and chocolate clusters.

Fudge balls are made in chocolate, peppermint-chocolate, peanut butter, maple and vanilla flavors.

Tremblay's offers 12 flavors of fudge including cookies and cream, and peanut butter-chocolate. Freshly made English toffee can be found at the store as well as sea monsters, both of which are available in milk and dark chocolate.

The store offers a wide selection of candies. Many flavors of saltwater taffy, and cashew and peanut brittle are favorites. Three flavors of almond bark are also available.

In addition, caramel sea salt balls and Oreo™ delights are plentiful.

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Tremblay's fudge is offered in 12 different flavors, with fudge balls being made in chocolate, peppermint-chocolate, peanut butter, maple and vanilla flavors.

available in milk and dark chocolate, and some are available in white chocolate. Vanilla chocolate is available by calling head to place a special order.

Tremblay's reputation continues to reach new customers. The shop also has been featured in Midwest Living magazine.

For customers' convenience

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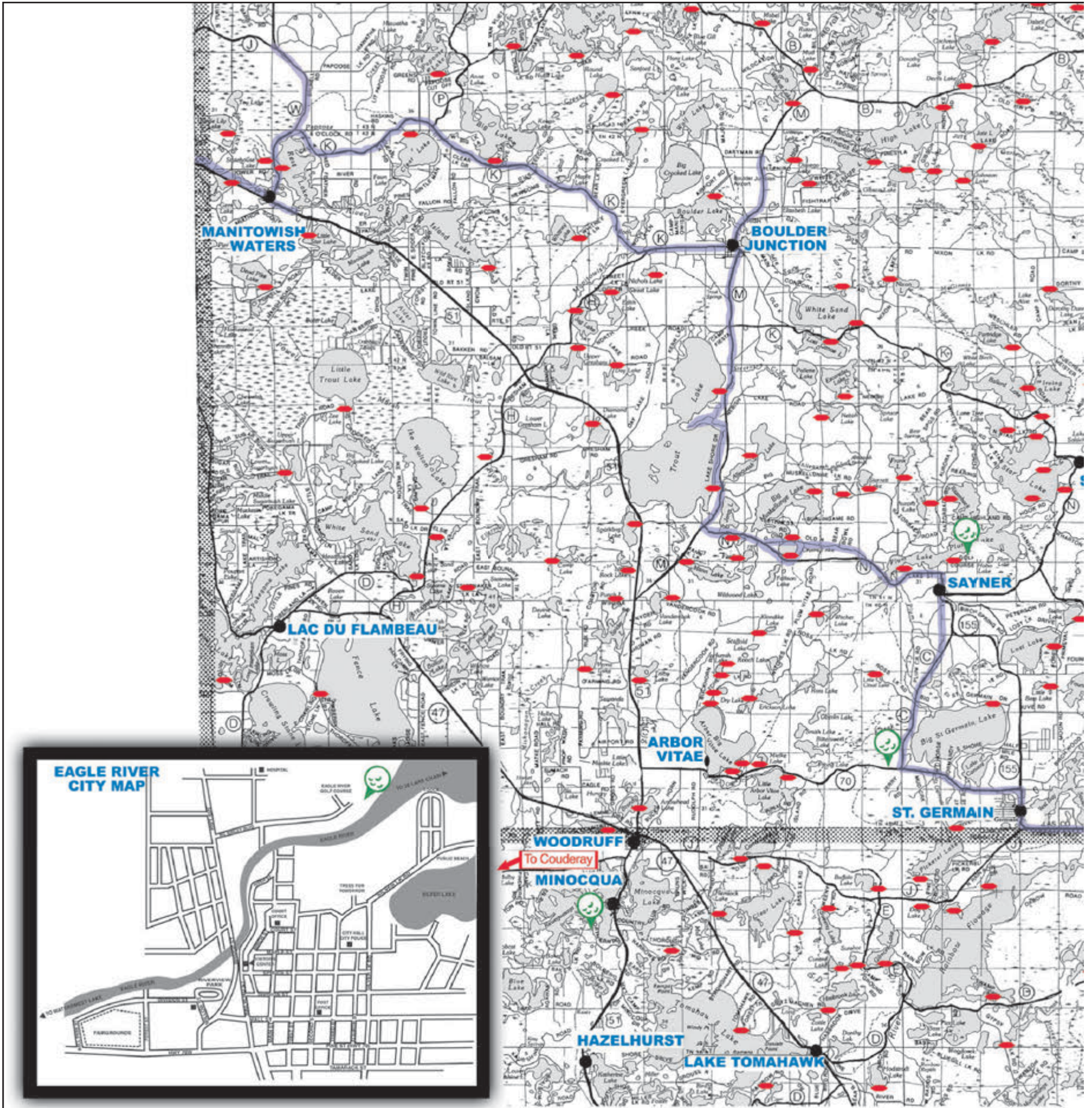
In addition to the store in Eagle River, there is a Tremblay's in Stillwater, Minn., along with the original store in Hayward.

Tremblay's is located at 119 Wall St. in Eagle River

and is now accepting credit cards.

Summer store hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. For the remainder of the year, store hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (715) 479-8488 or 1-(800) 40FUDGE (403-8343).



Enjoy wood-fired pizzas at Pirates Hideaway

Throughout recent years, Pirates Hideaway's services have grown to encompass much more than just rides on the Chain as the company has added a number of quality on-land services as well.

While the operation of the pirate ship continues to provide a magical experience for young and old, Pirates Hideaway also features its unique on-land services that are open to the public.

In addition to providing weekly live entertainment by the lake, Pirates Hideaway has a lakeside ice cream shop, tiki bar, gift shop, and offers various menu items such as delicious homemade wood-fired pizzas.

The new improvements and innovations coincide with the goal of the business — to provide a variety of options for any age to enjoy.

Over the past few winters, the owners and crew at the Hideaway have been busy making major improvements to the facilities.

In 2021, the Strauss family added the wood-fired oven to offer fresh-made pizza to visitors. The restaurant's homemade dough is topped

with fresh, quality ingredients and has become a big hit in the area. The business has become known for having some of the best and freshest pizza in the North Woods. They now serve their wood-fired pizzas during both lunch and dinner hours, as opposed to just evenings as they had in the beginning.

Patrons can also enjoy lunch and dinner just a few steps away from Duck Lake, which provides a beautiful setting for guests while dining.

Additional menu items include slow-roasted pulled pork sandwiches, Vienna Chicago dogs, hot beef sandwiches, salads and more.

The lakeside tiki bar at Pirates Hideaway also offers a diverse and delicious range of tropical cocktails, craft beer and wine selections. It is quickly becoming a "must-check-out" destination when visiting Eagle River, but also provides a fun regular stop for local patrons.

"Since much of the grounds are open air, Pirates Hideaway is able to offer a spacious, fun indoor/outdoor venue that has something for all ages," Strauss said.



Families can stop by Pirates Hideaway for a chance to sail the Chain of Lakes on a pirate ship, then dock on land for some wood-fired pizza.

The Strauss family also made a series of upgrades back in 2020, including a 1,000-square-foot "sky deck" to offer additional seating and an outdoor order window for its ice cream shop.

The sky deck provides a spectacular view overlooking the ground's beautiful annual gardens and Duck Lake, where visitors can relax and appreciate the beauty of the North Woods with a sweet treat in hand.

The ice cream shop now offers 24 flavors of Wisconsin-made Cedar Crest ice cream, soft serve, Lotus concoctions, and more. What sets the ice cream shop at Pirates Hideaway apart from others is that guests don't just get ice cream, they also get an experience.

"What better way to spend the summer with

your family than to sit by the lake and enjoy ice cream?" said Captain Steve about the business' unique appeal. There is an abundance of spacious lakeside seating too, where patrons can enjoy malts, shakes, sundaes, candies and cones.

Below deck, they've brought the Caribbean appeal to the North Woods with added spacious seating, a stage for live entertainment, and a tiki bar for those looking to enjoy a meal or relaxing evening with their favorite drinks by the water.

There is free live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and a beach party with a band on Sunday afternoons.

"We are so excited for people to come and enjoy the ambiance and

unique appeal of our establishment," said their son, Steve, who runs the business with them. "It's great because this is a place where adults and kids can enjoy their time together and take advantage of a number of unique lakeside services."

With the stage being a focal point of the open-air tiki lounge, the hideaway offers many weekly events to look forward to this summer.

Some of their favorites include Thursday nights with Scott Kirby, Friday and Saturday night solo and duo concert sets, Sunday beach parties from 3 to 6 p.m. with a band, and the annual performance of Tod Donnelly and Sons, Tom Mason and the Blue Buccaneers, and more.

The lineup of performers can be found

on the Pirates Hideaway Facebook events page or at eagleriverpirates.com under their Events and Entertainment tab.

For all the treasure seekers out there, Pirates Hideaway also offers a gift shop that features unique jewelry, apparel, dresses, skirts, pirate costumes, souvenirs and more. Pirates Hideaway has a great team of around 30 local and seasonal employees lined up to serve patrons.

Pirates Hideaway is located by land 2 miles north of Eagle River at 1998 Highway 45 North or by water on the west shore of Duck Lake between Sweetwater and Kickback Grill (used to be the Hiawatha).

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"There's a lot to see and do in downtown Eagle River this summer," said Kathy Holperin, "and we're so pleased to be right in the middle of all the action."

Holperin owns Grandma's Toy Box and Eagle Craft & Hobby, two of Eagle River's favorite downtown shopping destinations.

"Our emphasis at Grandma's Toy Box has always been on the classics," Holperin said. "Marbles, Duncan yo-yos, metal jacks, Slinky, drinking bird, balancing eagle, parachute man, green army men...we've got 'em all."

A quick walk through the store reveals that they've got all the new stuff, too. Moon balls, Crazy Aaron's Thinking Putty, Pokeman cards, Hatchems, Nee Doh balls and more.

At the back of the store there's a "jungle" of stuffed creatures for sale including a huge assortment of northwoods animals and fish; snakes, birds, sea creatures and animals from around the world; monsters and dinosaurs; and dozens of Folkmanis brand puppets waiting to perform in a puppet show.

"Our game wall right inside the front door won't disappoint," Holperin declared. "Clue, Sorry, Mr. & Mrs. Potato Head, Farkle, dozens of versions of Monopoly, several chess and checker sets. Again, all the classics. But we've got all the new games, too, like Taco Cat Goat, Cheese Pizza, Sleeping Queens,

What Do You Meme, New Phone Who Dis, Camp, and the list goes on."

Holperin said she is pretty proud of her puzzle section with hundreds of titles, from wooden sets for preschoolers to 1000 pieces and larger. The store even has its own "house brand" featuring local attractions like the ice castles, Pirate Ship, Hodag, Bond Falls and others.

Shoppers will find a fully stocked baby and toddler section, summer outdoor toys, a complete line of Melissa & Doug educational toys, a wall full of Bruder trucks, sun hats and sunglasses, and dozens of kid-pleasers for under \$5.

Right next door to "Grandma's", Eagle Craft & Hobby offers shoppers another store full of variety and delight, according to Holperin's son, Chris, who is the Northwoods

exclusive dealer for TRAXXAS- brand radio control cars, trucks and boats.

"We stock everything from the Bandit, Rustler, Stampede and Slash, to TRX-4ms and LaTrax, up to the XRT, eRevo and MAXX series," Chris Holperin said, "along with a complete line of parts, accessories, batteries and chargers."

Holperin said the store's LEGO-brand wall is always a popular site, along with dozens of plastic models for all skill levels. New this year is the Metal Earth-brand of car and plane models.

"It may rain a couple of days this summer," Holperin winked, "so you'll want to be ready with a paint by number set, a latch hook kit, some embroidery, engraving art, a learn to sketch set, or maybe a wood carving project."

There's an aisle of books in the store with chapter books for teens, field guides and how-to books for adults, activity books for kids, coloring books for all ages, and brain-teaser books for a rainy day.

At the front of the store is "The Rock Shop", featuring a nice collection of rocks, minerals, agate book-ends, Michigan copper, crystal growing kits, healing stones, and a variety of rock-related gifts.

"Our sports card and supplies assortment has been really popular, too, along with vintage coins and comics," added Chris.

Holperin said there's a lot he hasn't mentioned, so a trip downtown is essential. Both Grandma's Toy Box and Eagle Craft & Hobby are open 7 days a week, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and are located right next to Rotary Square.



Grandma's Toy Box has something for all ages with their baby and toddler sections, puzzle wall, and stuffed animal jungle.

Newly opened Nature RV Resort provides a relaxing getaway

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

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

After a brief opening in August of 2022, a grand opening took place May 1, 2023. The Reeks enjoyed a very successful first summer season at the resort.

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

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

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

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

The main trail loops around Blue Diamond Lake with additional trail loops through the Enchanted Forest and to the South Observation



Miles of branching trails and lakefront views with picnic tables can be enjoyed by visitors of the Land O' Lakes Nature RV Resort.

Tower where you can enjoy views for miles.

The branching trails lead guests to the kayak launch and lake frontage with picnic tables, as well as the North Observation Tower. Miles of trails can be directly accessed from the resort. Bikers and hikers can also utilize trails throughout the area.

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

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

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

explained Matt.

A shorter walking trail leads around Peaceful Lake at the front of the property, near the sites and around the uninhabited part of the lake.

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

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

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

The sites are very spa-

cious, but off-site storage is also available near the nature trails if a guest would like to store a boat or other vehicle.

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



Bike trail spans 52 miles

Visitors and residents have an opportunity to enjoy the 52-mile bike trail, known as The Heart of Vilas County bike trail system. The trails connect Mercer to St. Germain and many sections have recently been freshly paved. There are various campgrounds and trailside motels to stay at, as well as opportunities for hiking and swimming.

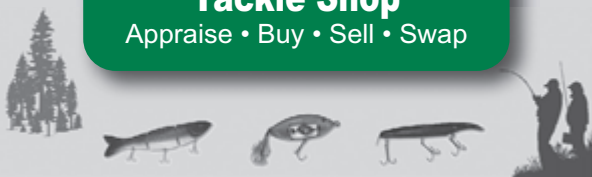
Each part of the trail is funded by donations from the community in which it lies. Copies of the trail map can be picked up at local Chambers of Commerce. The "Map it Vilas County" app is another way for bikers to access the map. For more information, visit biketheheart.org.

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St. Germain to host activities planned for Independence Day

Fourth of July celebrations will kick off in St. Germain Sunday, June 30, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the town park. The day will offer a wide variety of events coordinated by the town's Independence Day Committee, concluding with fireworks at dusk. Starting at 7:15 a.m., the Freedom 5K Run will kick off the day, starting with registration and then racing. The Women's Club Independence Craft Fair will also occur from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Additionally, Tom Nampel's Kids Casting Lessons will be from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be live music by "The Marvin" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Brain McLaughlin from 5 to 8 p.m. Food will be provided by the St. Germain Lions Club from 9 a.m. to dusk. Starting at 10:30



The St. Germain Fourth of July parade will take place on Sunday, June 30, starting at 3 p.m. Other activities are planned throughout the day.

a.m. there will be inflatable kids' entertainment until 6 p.m. The Plum Lake Fire Department will be showing their equipment to the public and teaching about how

to protect the North Woods from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To start the afternoon, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire staff and Smokey Bear will talk about wildfire prevention from 1 to 2:30 p.m., followed by the parade which starts at 3 p.m. Wild Instincts and Watersmeet Lake guards will be ready to teach the public from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Amanda Drewsen will also be in the town park, doing K9 agility demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Grampa's Farm Petting Zoo will be available from 4 to 7 p.m. Before ending the night, there will be a fireworks show at dusk in the town park. Balloon Sculpting by Fiona, and juggler Dan Kirk, will be performing throughout the day. For more information, visit townofstgermain.org.

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Freedom race returns to the area

The Freedom 5K and 1K youth Run/Walk is coming back to the St. Germain Community Park on June 30. This event raises funds for the maintenance and development of the biking, hiking, and winter nonmotorized trails in St. Germain.

Day-of registration and race packet pickup begins at 7:15 a.m., with the 5K starting at 8:30 a.m. and the 1K starting at 9:30 a.m. To participate in the race, interested individuals can register online by visiting freedom5k.org. For more information, visit the above-listed link, or contact Stacy Swenson at 715-892-1009.

Eagle River Golf Course ready for 101st season of operation

Famous for its playing conditions, the Eagle River Golf Course (ERGC), founded in 1923, is set to celebrate its 100th season with residents and visitors spending time in the North Woods this summer.

With a fun and challenging layout filled with beautiful landscapes and active wildlife, the course has something to offer for everyone. ERGC Golf Professional Anthony Sable said that the great thing about golf is, "You don't have to be good at it to have fun."

Sable, who was born in Antigo, is entering his fifth season at the ERGC. He is a PGA member with more than 20 years of experience as a golf professional and said he enjoys being a part of the ERGC staff, as well as giving lessons.

"I love the North Woods," said Sable. "My dad would bring me and my siblings up here to fish as kids, and I always wanted to come back. I hope to retire here; maybe then I'll have some time to golf."

The course offers four different sets of tees for varying skill levels, allowing anyone with any level of experience the opportunity to be successful and have a great time.

Golfers get the chance to meander through the woods and over rolling hills and valleys before ending their rounds on a picturesque par three, which is rare, according to ERGC Superintendent Kyle Anderson of Delafield.

Originally built as a nine-hole track prior to the incorporation of Eagle River as a city in 1937, the course has stood the test of time.



Golfers can enjoy a scenic, sprawling 18-hole course at Eagle River Golf Course.

In 1988, the layout was redesigned for 18 holes by architect Don Herfort of Minneapolis, Minn., and features strategically bunkered greens, narrow forested fairways, and prevalent water hazards.

Recently, a beautification project took place at the golf course, adding new flowers to the scenery. "This is one of the most beautiful courses you will ever play — wooded, watered, carefully groomed, and totally in keeping with the unspoiled beauty of Wisconsin's North Woods," added Sable.

All guests at the ERGC are able to utilize its practice facility that includes a grass tee range, practice green, chipping area, and practice bunker.

Anderson and his crew take great pride in providing optimal playing conditions for guests, from the greens to the practice range.

He has been at Eagle River Golf Course for the last four years; however, he hails from a long career in the industry, pre-

viously working for more than 20 years at different golf courses around the country.

Sable has been very pleased with the progress of the ERGC since he took over as the course professional in 2020. He added that dedication from Anderson and his crew is second to none.

He added that the much-improved system is paying off with the utilization of a floating intake system, adding the course is sitting with "good financial footing" as well.

Visitors can also stop by the ERGC Pro Shop for

all their golfing needs.

With a bevy of golf bags, gloves, tees and apparel featuring brands such as Adidas and Footjoy, Sable said there's a look for everyone and the shop's knowledgeable staff will happily answer any question guests have.

He also provides club re-gripping services and offers a wide range of sizes and colors for interested golfers to choose from.

Before or after a round, guests are invited to take a load off at Turkey's Clubhouse operated on-site by Wild Turkey. Turkey's Clubhouse of-

fers a full menu including sandwiches, Detroit style pizza, wings, and more. Daily specials are featured as well, including an all you can eat fish fry.

Those interested in

obtaining more information about the golf course, or to book a tee time, can visit eagleriver-golfcourse.com, golfnow.com, the ERGC Facebook Page, or call 715-479-8111.



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Fourth of July picnic set in Conover

The Conover Lions Club will host the 4th of July picnic at the Conover Town Park located at 4697 Park Circle, off County Road K east of Highway 45. This event will feature food, refreshments, kids' games, a bounce house, a dunk tank, and live music from Dana Joel Nicholson from 1 to 4 p.m.

This year is the Conover Lions Club Cornhole Tournament. Featuring a double elimination bracket and a 100% payout, day-of registration begins at 1 p.m. with action starting at 2 p.m. The entry fee is \$5. For more information, call 715-479-1492, or visit conoverlions.com.

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Eagle River to host Independence Day events

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center recently announced activities and information for this year's Fourth of July events. The Parade Marshal for 2024 will be Norma Yaeger.

"This honor was given to her this year because she makes Eagle River a great place to live, work and play," said Chamber Executive Director Kim Emerson. "She shares her love for music and art."

Yaeger also does a lot of work with the Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts.

The new "Wet Zone" area that was introduced last year will be back in 2024. The wet zone is located on Wall Street from Silver Lake Road (at Peanuts Ice Cream) to Second Street (U.S. Post Office). Those who don't mind getting sprayed with water should sit to view the parade from this area. Within this area, floats in the parade or spectators on the street are authorized to use squirt guns and water-shooting devices that could spray the crowd.

The chamber invites individuals, businesses, and organizations to join in the Eagle River Fourth of July Parade by putting together a parade float to display at the



The Eagle River Chamber of Commerce recently announced this year's activities, which includes the annual Fourth of July parade starting at 11 a.m.




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event. There is no cost to be in the parade and all entrants must have red, white, and blue in their parade units. For more information and to register your unit for the parade, contact the Eagle River Area Chamber and Visitors Center at 715-479-6400.

The chamber asks that all parade units preregister by Thursday, June 27, for organizational purposes. Lineup assignment

numbers and locations will be organized prior to the day of the parade. However, a few slots will be available at check-in on the day of the parade.

The annual "Party In The Street" event will take place in downtown Eagle River on Wall Street from First Street to Railroad Street. This event will begin at 10 a.m. with music from DJ Chris and Tiffany. There will also be food and a beer

garden available in the same area.

At 11 a.m. the Eagle River Fourth of July parade will progress down Wall Street. Following the parade, Wall Street will continue to be closed from First to Railroad Street from noon to 3 p.m. for continued music, food, drink, and other family activities.

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Independence Day events planned in Three Lakes

The Three Lakes Lions Club is again sponsoring the Fourth of July parade this Independence Day. The parade is now in its 72nd year.

As in past years, the Lions invite a variety of highly trained musical and marching units, as well as other entertaining acts and groups, to march and perform along the parade route.

"In keeping with tradition, the name of the Grand Marshall will not be revealed until the week before the parade," said a post by the Three Lakes Lions Club.

The parade theme for 2024 is "Honoring Our Veterans," which will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. There is no entry fee or form to fill out, but those participating are asked to be sure to register their entry with one of the Lions Club parade officials upon arrival.

The parade route has also been extended through the intersection of Superior and

Gogebic (Highway 45) to the corner of Michigan Street, where the parade will now turn south past Burnside Park.

Hollie Larkin and Collette Sorgel added any business, organization, or family that wants to be a part of the celebration can submit a float.

"Of course, we expect to have all of the Three Lakes emergency service units participating, which we really appreciate. You just can't have a good parade without fire engines, ambulances, and police vehicles. And we're also having back many of the favorites that people want to see every year including the Janesville Fife and Drum Corps, Three Lakes High School Band, Thunder Bay Pipe & Drums, Edgar High School Band, Rhinelander High School Band, Rhinelander Area Community Band and many more," said Larkin.

"But the real fun for adults and children alike are all the floats decorated according to the theme of the year."

For more information, contact Sorgel at 715-477-0001 or LionCollette@gmail.com, or Larkin at 715-479-1105 or HollieLions4lks@gmail.com.

The co-chairs also can be messaged at facebook.com/threelakeslionsclub. Following the pancake breakfast and parade, the Three Lakes Red Suspenders Society, Inc. is sponsoring music with BogFoot at Don Burnside Park. The party in the park will begin immediately following the parade.

The Red Suspenders Society is a nonprofit group organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes to raise money through fundraisers and donations, assist in community projects, assist people with personal disasters or hardships,

provide scholarship funding, and highway cleanup.

Also slated July 4, the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library will hold its Fourth of July Used Book Sale in the lower level of the library from 9:30 a.m.

until noon. A large selection of adult fiction and nonfiction, youth, children's, hardcover, and paperback books will be available. Paperback books are \$1, while hardcover books are \$2. Shoppers can also choose to fill a book

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