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Family-friendly events scheduled this week in North Woods

Area chambers of commerce and organizations plan events as added attractions to the lakes and forests that already bring people to the North Woods. The activities scheduled range from craft fairs and antique shows to live music offerings. 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 from tourism officials and other sources. Detailed stories on some of the events can be found in this publication.

JULY 10, CONCERT CRAWL —

Burton Tyler will perform at 19th Hole Sports Bar and Grill from 6:30 to 8 p.m., as part of an ongoing music series in St. Germain. Carry-ins are not allowed, as the event is to support local businesses. Visit st-germain.com for more information.

JULY 10, GUIDE ON THE SIDE —

Todd Gessner will host a light tackle fishing seminar in Boulder Junction at Northern Highland Sports Shop at 4 p.m. Seminars are free to the public.

JULY 10, MAKERS MARKET —

The Leapin' Ladders Makers Market starts its third year in downtown Sayner from 9



Events like Farmers Markets will be held throughout the area this week, following a busy week of events for the Fourth of July.

a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors offer a variety of quality handmade items from jewelry, fabric art, metal, woodworking, jams and jelly, bakery and so much more. The Market is located in the meadow behind the Cre'ate Gift Shop and across from the Plum Lake Library.

JULY 10, EAGLE RIVER FARMER'S MARKET —

Shop for fresh produce on Michigan Street in Eagle River from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests can choose from a variety of vendors offering pro-

duce and crafts. Contact 715-477-0645.

July 10, Skiing Skeeters Waterski Show —

The Skiing Skeeters Waterski Show team will perform in Rest Lake Park in Manitowish Waters starting at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free, but seating is not provided. For more information, visit the Facebook page.

JULY 10, MIN-AQUA BATS WATERSKI SHOW —

The MinAqua Bats

Waterski Show team will perform at The Aqua Bowl in Minocqua at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free and seating is provided. Shows are held on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, visit minaquabats.org.

JULY 10, MUSIC ON MAIN STREET —

Jared Kay will perform at the stage in People's Park in downtown Boulder Junction from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission to

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Known for its quality entrées and consistent service, White Stag Inn in Sugar Camp has earned its reputation for fine dining in the North Woods over the past 65 years, and is proudly owned and operated by third-generation owner Bradley Widule.

The establishment boasts a complete menu that includes five different cuts of choice steaks, house-specialty Kasseler Rippchen also known as smoked pork chops, colossal shrimp, Icelandic haddock, swordfish and half-chicken. Need some garlic in your life? Ask for it Dave's way, and have your chicken, meat or fish come out with a perfect golden garlic crust. Don't forget the onions and mushrooms too!

Each entrée is prepared to order over two large charcoal broilers in the main dining room so guests can watch as Brad and his middle daughter Tara cook each meal to the customers' satisfaction.

The salads at White Stag Inn are a unique complement to the meal. Large lettuce wedges are served family style, with a choice of three homemade dressings made to blend together or stand-alone. Salad dressings are also available for purchase.

Each dinner is complete with a large, baked russet potato served with the restaurant's best-kept secret the cottage cheese and chives topper.

The restaurant is air-conditioned and can seat more than 200 guests. White Stag Inn does not take reservations.



Third-generation owner of The White Stag Inn Bradley Widule and his daughter Tara cook each meal to the customer's satisfaction.

"Pleasant, knowledgeable staff do their best to provide the supper club experience that many are looking for," says Brad.

White Stag is open Friday through Tuesday. Bar opens at 4 p.m., with dinner service and seating in the dining

room happening from 4:30 till the last seating at 9:15. Visa, Mastercard, Discover and Cash are accepted.

An ATM is provided on site for customers conscience. The bar is cash only.

White Stag Inn is lo-

cated at 7141 Highway 17 N., between Eagle River and Rhinelander, at the corner of Highway D in Sugar Camp.

For more information about the White Stag Inn, call (715) 272-1057 or find them on Facebook @ TheWhiteStag.

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Nestled in Michigan's picturesque western U.P., Northern Waters Casino Resort, in beautiful Watersmeet, Mich., offers an unparalleled blend of excitement and relaxation. With a sprawling 25,000-square-foot gaming floor, the resort offers almost 500 slots and table games, a hotel, golf course, food, drink and much more!

Open 24 hours a day, the casino showcases the latest in slots, electronic table games, and

live table action. Enjoy progressive slots with massive jackpots and multipliers that boost your winnings. From slots to blackjack, the casino offers all the games you love, including the newest electronic video poker and sportsbetting. Fanatics at Northern Waters Casino Resort is a brand new, state-of-the-art sportsbook featuring a multi-screen video and odds display wall, sports bar, slot machines, and blackjack tables. This

upscale lounge with wrap-around TVs is the perfect place to watch your favorite sports in comfort and join in on the betting action. UFC PPV Events as well as all of your favorite professional and college teams so you can watch and bet on all the live action. Fanatics Sportsbook is limited to guests ages 18 and over.

Visit the Northern Waters Casino location with a valid ID to register for a Fanatics



Numerous kinds of awards can be enjoyed by those that visit the Northern Waters' 25,000-square foot gaming floor.



Guests of the Northern Waters Casino Resort can enjoy the 18-hole Lac Vieux Desert Golf Course.

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The casino offers many exciting promotions beginning with Seniors Days on Tuesdays and Thursdays, where guests aged 55 and older can earn 10 points and receive \$15 in Free Play. Juniors Day, every Wednesday, guests aged 18-54 can earn 10 points for exciting free play opportunities. Experience the thrill of weekend drawings every Friday and Saturday night, with chances to win cash, prizes, and free play. Don't miss out on the fun every Sunday with engaging kiosk games, monthly Bingo and Partner Cribbage tournaments. Is it your birthday month? Receive \$10 Free Play during the month of your birthday. Freedom Rewards for Veterans

and Pump and Play points for gas fill ups are just a couple more!

The Freedom Rewards promotion is a heartfelt token of appreciation and gratitude for all who have served. Participating veterans receive a 25% discount at the Sugar Bush Restaurant, Northern Waters Cafe, Dancing Eagles Hotel and Lac Vieux Desert Golf Course. This promotion is a way of giving back to those who have given so much. Join in the celebration of veterans with Freedom Rewards.

Joining the rewards program at Northern Waters Casino Resort has never been easier—or more rewarding. Simply bring a valid ID to Guest Services, and sign-up can take just minutes. New members will instantly receive \$15 in Free Play upon registration. It

pays to be a member! For every 100 points earned, members receive \$1 in Casino Free Play, with a potential to earn up to \$300 in Free Play each day. The more you play, the more you save, making each visit to the casino even more thrilling

Connected to the Casino is the smartly designed Dancing Eagles Hotel, offering many newly appointed rooms, some with private hot tubs. Guests can unwind in the indoor pool, whirlpool, and sauna, ensuring a rejuvenating stay. The hotel offers Stay and Play Packages, where guests can reserve any room at regular price and receive \$10 in Free Play and \$3 Off Breakfast Entree at Sugar Bush Restaurant.

Sugar Bush Restaurant is open daily at 7:30 a.m.

WalkAbout Apparel & Paddle provides exceptional service

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

With a men and women's department of apparel and shoes, WalkAbout has emerged into such an extensive clothing store that last year they rebranded the store and name to focus more on apparel than watercraft.

Their popular clothing brands include Patagonia, Life is Good, Lakegirl, Carhartt, Brighton, Prana, Kuhl,

Vera Bradley, Tentree and Vouri, just to name a few.

The store's footwear selections include Birkenstock sandals along with Chaco and Reef. They carry shoes from Merrill, Keen, Sorel, Dansk and Ugg.

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

Owners David and Jessica Eibner noted that paddleboarding works for

both exercise and relaxation, and is an activity suitable for all members of the family.

"We are committed to providing our guests with the best customer service! We'll find the right boat and paddle to fit your needs, as well as your favorite comfort leisurewear or footwear that fits just perfect," said the Eibners.

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

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

"We are also a dog-friendly store with treats, beds, chewy toys, collars and leashes, as well as life jackets. We enjoy meeting our guests' furry friends as well," they noted.

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

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

The eFoil gives riders the experience of a combination of surfing, flying, and deep-powder snowboarding, and the



Having recently rebranded with the goal to focus more on apparel than watercraft, Walkabout provides an extensive clothing selection to visitors.



Kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, utility docs and electric Lift eFoil hydrofoil boards are available for purchase.

staff at WalkAbout can confirm this experience firsthand after demonstrating the eFoil with the store's owners.

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

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

Speeds are controlled

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

"It's a new and exciting way to experience the North Woods," said Eibner.

WalkAbout stocks Paddle North utility docks made with durable materials for floating or slipping and sliding. The docks are even safe for dogs.

The store also offers a selection of lifejackets for all members of the family, including the family dog, as well as carries many accessories for water activities and camping.

WalkAbout provides demos of all recreational

water toys.

"It's our try-before-you-buy commitment," said the Eibners.

Jessica said WalkAbout's trained and experienced staff is ready to assist guests for a pleasant shopping experience.

The store, located next to Nelson's Ace Hardware, is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

For more information, call 715-479-6631, or email them at info@walkabout-paddle.net.

Needs for all seasons await at The Tackle Box

A variety of Northwoods needs and wants await customers at The Tackle Box in Land O'Lakes.

Owned by Karen Weaver, the shop offers products for all seasons ranging from swimming goggles to snowshoes.

Open since 1937, Karen is the sixth owner of Tackle Box. After growing up in Sayner, she and her late husband returned to the area to buy the shop in August of 1996. Karen said that the nature of Land O'Lakes and its family-oriented community is one thing that attracted them to the area.

"The Tackle Box is like two shops under one roof," Karen said. "There's the gift gallery and the sport shop."

The fishing gear section includes fishing rods and poles, live bait, line, and more. Free line comes with any purchase of a combo or reel, as well as respooling services being offered.

Tackle Box sells all live bait ready for fishers. The selection includes six different kinds of minnows, four different sizes of leeches, night crawlers, and a diverse array of worms when in season.

The clothing and souvenir section is a popular stop amongst Land O'Lakes residents and visitors alike. This area of the gift gallery offers a multitude of items such as puzzles, jewelry, books, high quality leather belts, swimming accessories, and candy. Clothing sizes 2XL through 5XL can also

be found in the shop.

Also found here is Karen's customized "LANDO" attire. Shirts can be found with the name LANDO on them, a common nickname for the town used by residents and familiars of the area. With a new design every year, she sells these as a Land O'Lakes souvenir.

The Tackle Box is also ready to provide for any hunting needs this upcoming season. With items such as ammo, gun cases, cleaning supplies and more, customers will find everything they

need. They also do bore sighting.

Along with the extensive items available for purchase and with the convenient location right between the two states, The Tackle Box sells both Wisconsin and Michigan DNR licenses and permits.

The shop also offers a fun map activity to customers. Those that come in from out of town can place a pin on a map where they live, showing how people have come to Tackle Box from all over the world.

At The Tackle Box, all

items can be found at a reasonable price. "We are a family store with prices to please everybody," Karen said. The store does not accept credit or debit cards, but they do have an ATM. Karen also has an FFL.

The shop is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sundays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Wednesdays. They are open year-round with seasonal hours.

For more information, call 715-547-3434, email info@tackbox.com, or visit tackbox.com.



Tackle Box offers a wide variety of live bait for purchase.

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Popular street dance back in Eagle River

WRJO 94.5 FM Radio's popular street dances will get underway for the summer season in downtown Eagle River on July 11. The first event of the summer will have Flying Blind kick off the street dance. Events will be held each Thursday at 7 p.m. through Aug. 15, and will feature live music throughout. The street dance takes place at the intersection of Wall and Main Streets in downtown Eagle River. In addition to live music, the Boy Scouts will be grilling food for purchase, along with a beer garden available for beverages. Musicians and bands scheduled to perform include Bogfoot on July 18 and 2 Miles South on July 25. WRJO noted that entertainment is subject to change. Attendees can bring along their own lawn chair for the event. In case of inclement weather the dance will move to Shotskis on White Pine Drive.

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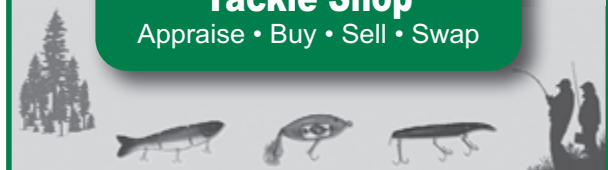
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Customers browsing

their Wall Street store in downtown Eagle River will find grills by Weber, Green Egg and Traeger, including standup Weber griddles, griddle inserts and the company's latest innovation — rust-resistant slate griddles.

Weber's new Gourmet BBQ System was unveiled earlier this year, with inserts and accessories that make it possible to grill everything from pizza and casseroles to breakfast waffles.

The eight different inserts include a sear grate, pizza stone, poultry roaster, griddle, Dutch oven, wok set, waffle maker and sandwich maker.

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Each year since 1953, Nelson's Ace has received awards for its commitment to providing superior customer service,

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"The goal of the business is to provide friendly, knowledgeable and helpful service, as well as high-quality products," said co-owner David Eibner. "Whether it is paint, light bulbs, power tools, or better quality dog food, we never stop working to satisfy the needs of our customers."

With an array of equipment, products, and services to help visitors and residents enjoy their summer vacation, Nelson's Ace is the place to gear up for grilling out, getting the yard up to par, and finding the right tool for getting jobs done on the "to-do" list.

As the advanced system of pellet grills grew in popularity the past five years, Nelson's Ace enhanced its supply and selection of both Traeger pellet grills and Weber pellet grills.

The store is also an authorized dealer of Stihl and Ariens, and provides service and repair for all Stihl products. The full line of Stihl products includes chain saws, trimmers, blowers, pole pruners, and zero turn lawn mowers.

Another prominent tool brand they offer is Milwaukee, which this year expanded its offering of Milwaukee Tool Packout products with either a portable or wall base system — billed as the most durable and versatile system on the

market today.

"There's a wide variety of tools and accessories that can be secured and locked in place, including drawers that can be paddle locked shut," said Eibner. "These units come in a wide variety of sizes and feature heavy-duty latches and hinges."

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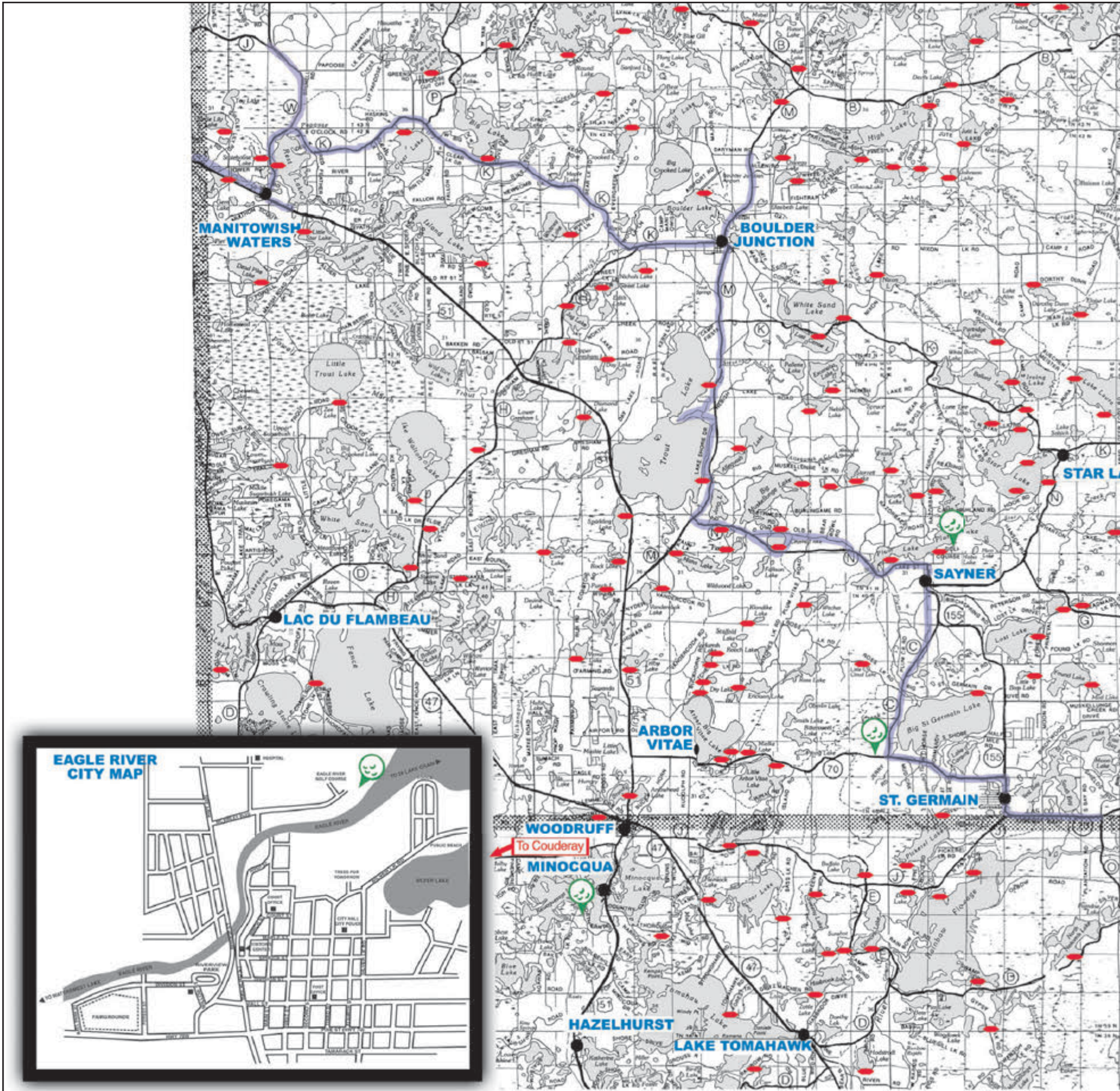
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Northland Marine: world's largest online parts dealer, experts in Minn Kota trolling motors, Humminbird

Northland Marine of Three Lakes, the largest Minn Kota online dealer in the world, are boat-rigging experts ready to equip anglers with Minn Kota trolling motors and other electronics from Humminbird and Talon.

Located on the corner of West School Street and Anderson Street in downtown Three Lakes, the authorized service and rigging center specializes in integrating trolling motors and graphs to work in tandem.

Northland Marine, which ships products and boat parts around the world, celebrated its 10th anniversary in April under the guidance of owners Andrew Boers and Jason Kral.

Starting with a business where 80% of their work was online shipments, they have launched a new business model that added installation services for trolling motors, batteries,

on-board chargers and wiring.

Boosting that expansion was their movement the past year into a new showroom that is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the year around.

Kral said they also answer questions about buying the correct Minn Kota trolling motors and Humminbird graphs.

"Minn Kota is the leader in the 'One Boat Network,' integrating your Minn Kota trolling motor and Humminbird graphs to work together so you spend less time searching for fish and more time fishing," said Kral.

The two say the top-of-the-line One Boat Network setup is the Minn Kota TerraNova, Ulterra or Ultrax I-Pilot Link trolling motor, with a networkable Humminbird Helix or Solix unit(s). And there are many add-on features



Owners Jason Kral and Andrew Boers pictured in Northland Marine's showroom with rigging expert Ryan Pooch.

Sidewalk sales day planned in Boulder Junction

Boulder Junction businesses will hold Sidewalk Sales Day, a bargain extravaganza, Tuesday, July 16.

During Sidewalk Sales Day, shoppers will be able to find special discounts outside along the sidewalk, while other businesses will have in-store specials. Hours of sales will vary, depending on the business. In conjunction with the sidewalk sales, several other events will be taking place.

The Boulder Junction Lion's Club will hold its weekly craft and flea market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Boulder Junction Public Library will host its used book sale, which will take place outside on the Community Center grounds, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Community Church of Boulder Junction will host its annual Strawberry social. For more information, call the chamber at 715-385-2400, or visit boulderjct.org.

such as the Minn Kota Talon. With a communication port, all of these units can be controlled from the Humminbird graph. A remote control or by simply using a foot pedal.

The Minn Kota I-Pilot System is a stand-alone GPS trolling motor system that allows anglers to record tracks or "drifts."

"This allows you to set the desired speed of the boat and the trolling motor will take you down your prerecorded track of up to 2 miles long," said Boers. "Probably the biggest selling feature of the I-Pilot system is the 'SpotLock' feature. With the push of a button, you

can anchor your boat and the trolling motor will hold the boat on your favorite fishing spot. No more swinging the mud off your anchor when you pull it into your boat," he said.

I-Pilot also offers an autopilot function that allows anglers to point the trolling motor in the direction they want to go and the trolling motor will autocorrect to keep anglers on course while they fish.

Northland Marine is now stocked with Minn Kota's new brushless Quest trolling motors – added thrust, longer run times and a longer lifespan.

"Quest slices through weeds and waves with 50% more torque and a new prop designed specifically to maximize power output," said owners Andrew Boers and Jason Kral. "You can fish from dawn to dusk with 30% longer run time and an all-new ECO Mode, which optimizes your power once your batteries dip below 20%."

Boers and Kral were born and raised in the area, both graduating from Three Lakes High School. Boers and Kral are both Minn Kota-authorized certified technicians and Garmin-authorized certified technicians.

"Our rigging department is detail-oriented. We will install all Minn Kota and Humminbird products in a professional manner and provide the support to make sure customers are using their electronics to optimize their fishing experiences."

Staff is almost always available by phone to schedule appointments, and answer questions. They can advise clients on how to fix the motors over the phone, or can take a look at it in person.

For more information, contact 715-546-2333 or parts@northlandmarine.com.



Shoeder's rents and sells pontoon boats, ski boats, fishing boats and travel trailers, along with parts and accessories.

Shoeder's RV and Marine offers both winter and summer rentals

Shoeder's RV and Marine Center in Rhinelander started business over 30 years ago and offers a wide variety of equipment for time spent outdoors in the North Woods.

The friendly staff help to make the shopping experience a pleasant one.

For customers in the summer, Shoeder's rents and sells pontoon boats, ski boats, fishing boats, and travel trailers, along with parts and accessories. In the winter, they rent snowmobiles and sell snowmobile clothing and accessories.

Shoeder's carries Arctic Cat ATVs and UTVs as the sport gains popularity in the North Woods.

"What's great about ATVs and UTVs is that you can use them for 10 or 11 months out of the year," shared co-owner Scott Borths.

Shoeder's RV and Marine also has supplies for winter with a selection of Arctic Cat and Polaris snowmobiles for customers to use while exploring trails in the area.

The RV and marine center at Shoeder's carries travel trailers, fifth wheel campers, fishing boats, pontoons, boat trailers, loose motors, and ShoreMaster docks.

Starting recently, Shoeder's now also carries Starcraft deck boats and Ice Castles. New this year, Shoeder's is also back in the car business. They have numerous low mileage, used vehicles in inventory.

This Rhinelander business also offers numerous lines of Jayco and Keystone campers in many different styles and sizes for every kind of recreational need.

In addition, Shoeder's RV and Marine carries Ranger and Crestliner fishing boats, as well as Flagship, Starcraft and Viaggio pontoon boats, any of which are suitable for time spent on the water.

Customers are offered a selection of styles, floor plans and colors to choose from when purchasing a boat at Shoeder's.

Customers are also encouraged to come experience all of the different types of boats on display in the showroom before deciding which boat suits their needs.

In addition to the showroom, Shoeder's RV and Marine also offers a full service parts department. Shoeder's staff provides warranty work on the brands they carry, but also can service almost any type of boat or camper.

"Our parts department is stocked for numerous different brands," said co-owner Ali Shoeder. "If we don't carry what you need, we can always order any parts for a particular problem."

"We have everything for camping and boating necessities," said Shoeder.

From RV toilet paper to campfire grills and popcorn poppers, Shoeder's RV and Marine carries many accessories for land or water use.

Also offered is a selection of tubes, ropes, waterskis, life jackets and more to ensure a safe and fun experience on any lake.

For year-round recreational fun, visit Shoeder's RV and Marine, located at 2230 N. Stevens St. For information, visit shoedersmarine.com or call (715) 3657722.

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Vintage steam train to provide rides to Laona's Camp 5 Museum



The Lumberjack Special Steam Train is again providing rides to the Camp 5 Museum in Laona for the 2024 summer season.

This year marks the 56th anniversary of the operation of the 1916 Vulcan steam engine carrying visitors to the Camp 5 Museum complex. It is also the 108th year that the Vulcan engine has earned its keep, starting with hauling logs, lumber, and lumberjacks, and now providing rides in vintage railcars to Camp 5.

One of the North Woods' best attractions, the steam train will leave the depot located off Highway 8 on Laona's west side and make the trip to Camp 5 and all it has to offer, Tuesdays through Saturdays throughout the season.

The train departs at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and the train returns at 3 p.m.

Visitors are encouraged to stay a minimum of two hours to enjoy all the Lumberjack Camp Museum activities. In addition to the ride on a century-old steam train in vintage cars, Camp 5 has much to offer for people of

This year marks the 56th anniversary of the operation of the 1916 steam train carrying visitors to the Camp 5 Museum complex.

all ages.

History buffs enjoy visiting the museum, seeing the working blacksmith shop, and all of the displays showing life in an early sawmill town and the lumber camps.

Children and grownups alike enjoy the petting zoo, feeding and petting a variety of farm animals that enjoy the attention as much as the visitors.

The early days of logging in the North Woods are displayed in the Logging Museum. A trip through the museum with the displays of photos and tools gives the viewer a sense of the history of the time, and where the lumber to build a nation came from.

The Nature Center gives visitors a look at the ecology and the beauty of the North Woods with a farm corral with live animals, an ecology walk, and a motorized forest tour of a working and sustainable forest.

Modern sustained-yield logging is explained on the Green Treasure Forest Tour, with a trolley ride through a beautiful hardwood forest.

The Cracker Barrel Gift Shop provides a shopping experience, and guests can stop here for ice cream as well.

When hunger strikes, visitors can stop at the Camp 5 Choo-Choo Café.

Every year cowboys visit Camp 5. This year

the cowboys will visit on Thursday, July 20. Wearing vintage clothing from 100 years ago, the cowboys ride horses and carry vintage guns. They will be staging a robbery of the steam train on every run.

The Lumberjack Steam Train will operate through Aug. 17. Railcars will be coming Aug. 16 and 17, giving free rides up and down the track on vintage railcars.

Fall runs occur on Sept. 21 and 28, with the cowboys returning on Oct. 5.

For more information, visit lumberjack-steamtrain.com, or call 715-674-3414.

Eagle River Farmers Market offers fresh foods weekly

The Eagle River Farmers Market season is in full swing at the farmers market lot just north of the bridge on Highway 45. The market will be open every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Farmers markets serve as key components in preserving local and regional food production and supply and are essential to our local economy.

Each week, up to 30 vendors will sell a variety of locally grown goods, including seedlings, fruits, vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, baked and canned goods, dips, syrups, honey, jams, jellies, herbs, relishes, breads, plants and flowers and much more. The Eagle River Revitalization Program, city of Eagle River, and volunteers are anticipating a great season with an outstanding variety of vendors.

Each market will feature a few local nonprofit organizations sharing their mission and education on how they are serving our community as well. For more information, eagleriverrevitalization.org/farmers-market.

Big Stone Golf Course offers a lot more than just nine holes

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

State-of-the-art cutting equipment, expanded irrigation systems, re-engineered bunkers, new hole challenges, online tee times, revamped tee boxes and a long list of other improvements await golfers at the historic course.

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

New this summer are some Friday night fish fries, with the next one scheduled for June 28. Patrons can check Facebook for additional dates and details.

Improvements to the course in recent years include the planting of nearly 2,500 saplings

and 30 mature trees, the addition of seven new tee boxes and the introduction of an environmentally friendly fertilizer program. All of which have brought renewed life to Big Stone's greens and fairways.

Located at 847 Golf Course Loop Road in Three Lakes, a scenic view of Big Stone Lake and area forests awaits golfers and their guests.

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

Some of the course holes have been lengthened, and with tree trimming and grass management completed, average golfers can challenge their skills and have a chance to score well. Players of all abilities will appreciate

the casual atmosphere, smooth consistent greens and enjoyable nine-hole layout.

The PGA has rated the course to a slope of 129 from the blue tees. Marquis noted that the course is challenging but fair, and added that Big Stone is the "perfect venue" for new or advanced golfers. Three additional sets of tees are available including white, gold and red sets.

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

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

"Mondays with Patti" is open to all women golfers, regardless of ability. Classes are \$25 per person and run on Mondays from

5 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 1, will be the only date this summer when this class will not run.

Additionally, a junior camp will run on Wednesdays in July from 10 a.m. until noon. Patrons can check the website or Facebook for exact dates. The cost is \$125 per student.

Six different golf leagues are also available for the public to join, including men's and women's leagues, men's and women's senior leagues, a couples league and a men's individual senior league.

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

The clubhouse patio has views of the course, the local wildlife and Big Stone Lake. A new pavilion, added in 2021, complements the patio. It can be utilized for special events; or simply to keep golfers dry during rain, or cool on hot days.

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

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

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



The Land O' Lakes Recreation Co. is a must-stop for anyone looking to take part in year-round outdoor recreation or take care of their little slice of heaven in the North Woods.

Land O' Lakes Recreation Co. carries a variety of top of the line products

The Land O' Lakes Recreation Co. is a must-stop for anyone looking to take part in year-round outdoor recreation or take care of their little slice of heaven in the North Woods.

They have all the vehicles and tools needed to keep you busy as they are the area's premier dealer of outdoor products such as Ski-Doo and LYNX snowmobiles, Can-Am ATVs and SxSs as well as Mahindra, TYM and LS Tractors as well as Central Boiler Outdoor Wood Furnaces.

The dealership stocks all the necessary parts, clothing, accessories and the technical know-how needed while you're out on the trail.

"Our team is committed to customer service and we have a full-service shop where our technician's goal is to fix the problem the correct way, the first time," said manager Ben Parling.

For vacationers seeking fun and adventure in the great outdoors,

Parling noted that they offer year-round rentals as well. From spring to fall, visitors can rent two, four and six seat side-by-side UTVs. The side-by-side rentals are dual registered, so renters can enjoy the trails in both Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan.

Patrons can explore the 40 scenic miles of the Wilderness Lakes Bike Trails system or enjoy the paved trail system that meanders west, out of town, by renting one of the many Trek bicycles available.

For the winter thrill seekers, Land O'Lakes Recreation has a full fleet of Ski-Doo rental snowmobiles. Its sleds have trail passes for Michigan as well as Wisconsin, and customers are able to explore trails in Northern Wisconsin and the U.P. of Michigan.

Land O' Lakes Recreation is located directly on the Frosty Snowmobile Club Trail 6 and clients can access

the U.P. of Michigan via the Watersmeet Thunder Riders Trail 3 directly in downtown Land O'Lakes.

On-site and overnight parking are offered and helmet rentals are available for all rental guests. Several trail maps for the area are also available in-store for our renters regardless of season.

In 2013, Land O' Lakes Recreation added the world's best-selling tractor, Mahindra, to their lineup. They expanded their tractor offering by adding TYM tractors in 2021 and then LS Tractors in 2023. The addition of these other two very capable tractor lines, in addition to Mahindra, gives Land O' Lakes Recreation the exclusive opportunity to offer their customers any combination of tractor from 20 horsepower up to 60 horsepower, including front mount snowblowers and backhoes, as well as heated and AC cooled cabs.

To compliment their vehicle line-ups, Land



The dealership also has a newly renovated showroom that offers an extensive selection of clothing and sportswear like boots, helmets, goggles, gloves and bibs from brands such as Ski-Doo, Can-Am, and Klim.

O' Lakes Recreation also offers Central Boiler Outdoor Wood Furnaces. With units on the ground since the spring of 2023, they have hit the ground running and are ready to outfit their customers before the winter months arrive.

Central Boiler Outdoor Wood boilers are efficient, clean burning alternatives to in-house

wood furnaces and have current tax incentives as well, according to Parling.

A perfect match to a Central Wood Boiler is having a handy way to process the firewood and Land O' Lakes Recreation has just the right answer. They have a portable wood processor for rent.

The Brute Force 14-24 can process up to an 18-

inch diameter log with a 21-inch saw bar and has a 10-foot conveyor that should produce firewood at 2-3.5 cord an hour. It is available for rent by the day.

With these buying options for their patrons, Land O' Lakes Recreation is proud to be able to say they are not only a

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U.P. waterfalls provide scenic views for guests

The Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan is home to more than 300 waterfalls, with many of them being a hit for visitors. Several are located about an hour or less from the Eagle River area. Almost all require hiking to reach, but there are paths to some of the most popular falls. The best time to see them is in the spring when even the smallest falls roar to life, but they are beautiful year-round. Five U.P. waterfalls that are a short drive from Eagle River include Bond Falls, Agate Falls, O Kun de Kun Falls, Gorge Falls and Potawatomi Falls. Bond Falls is in the western U.P. on Bond Falls Road east of Paulding, Mich., on the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River. This is the most impressive waterfall in Michigan with the possible exception of Tah Quamenon Falls. The main drop is 40 feet high and 100-plus feet wide. Above the main falls are a series of cascades and rapids that must drop a total of 20 feet. The water level is controlled by a dam and a steady flow over the falls is maintained for scenic reasons. Bond Falls is a Michigan State Scenic Site. The site was renovated in about 2003. The old parking area was upstream of the falls and a steep concrete stairway (still used by many) led to the base of the falls. The new parking area is near the base of the falls and a level boardwalk leads hikers to prime views of the falls. A trail on the east side of the falls remains wild with some steep rocky climbs. Other trails go off into



A wide variety of waterfalls in Michigan's Upper Peninsula have scenic views for visitors that enjoy views while hiking.

the woods and there are campsites nearby at Bond Falls Flowage. Agate Falls, also on the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River, is another Michigan State Scenic Site located 6.5 miles east of Bruce Crossing, Mich., on Highway 28. There is parking at Joseph F. Oravec Roadside Park just past the bridge over the Ontonagon River. This is one of the largest and most impressive waterfalls in Michigan, dropping about 40 feet. The provided trails and overlooks are somewhat limited. With some effort, hikers can get down to the river to get some very good views of the falls. There is also an old railroad bridge over the falls that is now part of a snowmobile trail. O Kun de Kun Falls, named after an Ojibwe chief, is one of the largest of the


waterfalls in Ontonagon County and is located on the Baltimore River. The trailhead to the falls is located on the east side of Highway 45 about 8 miles north of Bruce Crossing. There are signs for the parking area. The trail to the falls is part of the North Country Trail. It is a mile-plus hike to O Kun de Kun Falls and there are no fences or signs. While it is not as large as Bond or Agate Falls, it is just as scenic and far wilder. It drops about 25 feet. The waterfall is also unusual in that it is an actual plunge fall. Before hikers reach the main falls, they will see a smaller 10-foot plunge upstream but should keep going as the real falls are just a short distance downstream. The trail crosses a suspension bridge below the falls. Because the width

of the falls varies wildly depending on water levels, the Baltimore River can get pretty thin in summer months. Gorge Falls is named for the deep and narrow gorge above and below the falls and is part of Black River Scenic Byway waterfalls. It is also one of the easier waterfalls to visit, being only a short distance from the parking area. There are a fair number of stairs to the falls overlook. It is only a short walk upstream to see Potawatomi Falls. The Black River Scenic Byway starts north of Highway 2 near Bessemer, Mich. There are signs on Highway 2. Gorge Falls is about 14.5 miles north of Highway 2. The scenic area is on the right and is clearly marked. Potawatomi Falls drops 30 feet and is just upstream of Gorge Falls, and is reached

from the same parking area. Potawatomi is the name of one of the native tribes. This waterfall is wheelchair-accessible. In low water, the waterfall is segmented with

most of the water going to the right. In high water, the river covers the entire rock separating the two segments with a sheet of whitewater.

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Steps away from the resort, guests can enjoy the natural beauty of the North Woods at the Lac Vieux Desert Golf

Course. This 18-hole course, butting up to 200 acres of the Ottawa National Forest, offers a challenging yet enjoyable experience for all golfers. Beautiful fairways that will excite all levels of player. After a round of golf, relax at the Clubhouse adjacent to the Pro Shop, which carries quality brand-name golf equipment and apparel. The Clubhouse offers a variety of beverages, perfect for unwinding after a day on the greens. Northern Waters Casino Resort offers reasonable rates all season long, ensuring

everyone can enjoy this hidden paradise. The history of the Lac Vieux Desert Golf Course adds to its charm. Originally opened as a 9-hole course in 1998, an additional 9 holes were completed in 2008. The course is designed with all levels of golfers in mind, making it a beloved destination in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

Stay tuned as Northern Waters Casino Resort presents its 28th anniversary music weekend! We have several headliners scheduled on August 1-3rd - band announcements coming soon!

Check the website for details and tickets.

Whether you're seeking the thrill of the slots or the tranquility of the fairways, Northern Waters Casino Resort offers something for everyone. Come and enjoy the excitement and natural beauty of this premier destination. You won't be disappointed!

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Fireman's Flea Market

GRILLS

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electrical supplies, and houseware products are other departments offered at Nelson's Ace.

The business' recently-expanded paint department sells Benjamin Moore, Ace Royal, and Clark+Kensington.

Since 1883, Benjamin Moore has remained a top choice paint brand for both the do-it-yourselfer

and professional design consumer, offering customers more than 3,500 premium color options.

In addition, Nelson's has advanced its LED lighting inventory and now carries an expanded line of Feit Smart Home products for household security — giving seasonal property owners peace of mind when they can't be in the North Woods.

Nelson's Ace is more than a typical hardware store. They offer products

for the lake such as water toys and beach balls, and giftware to decorate a cabin.

"Nelson's Ace is a one-stop shop because of our wide array of products and friendly staff," said Eibner. Eibner and his wife, Jessica Nelson-Eibner, handle the day-to-day operations of the business.

They are the third generation to run the store, which was first opened in 1952 by Jessica's grandparents, Carl P. Nelson

and his wife, Audrey. Second-generation retailers Carl E. Nelson and his wife, Marilyn, continued the tradition through 2005.

Located at 606 E. Wall St. in Eagle River, Nelson's is open Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about Nelson's, call (715) 479-4496.

PRODUCTS

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selling dealer for all of their brands, but a service dealer also.

They welcome back clients after the sale to benefit from their very capable service shop. Whether it is for a warranty issue, additional accessory installs, or a new set of tires and rims, they have you covered.

The dealership also has a newly renovated showroom that offers an extensive selection of clothing and sports-

wear like boots, helmets, goggles, gloves and bibs from brands such as Ski-Doo, Can-Am, and Klim. The new additions to the inside of their storefront include a complete "Can-Am Defender Audio Roof" display that customers can try out by connecting their personal phones via Bluetooth.

Visitors will see the large display of oils, cleaning supplies and fluids used for Can-Ams and Ski-Doos, not to mention an elaborate, stocked parts room to help guests get back out on the trail when the unfortunate happens.

Recreation enthusiasts can check out live real-time updates of local weather, including snow totals in the winter and a five-day forecast with the on-site web camera.

These webcams also look directly down at Frosty Snowmobile Club, Trail 6 East, as well as the store parking lot so trail riders can check current trail conditions or check up on the present weather.

The knowledgeable staff is always happy to assist with questions or share advice on the most popular, scenic places to visit in the area, and

they make it necessary to their daily routine with their renters.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the summer, and additionally on Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon in the winter while the snow trails are open.

For more information, or to make your rental reservations, contact them at 715-547-3530 or visit them at www.LOLREC.com. Land O' Lakes Recreation Co. is located at 1702 Highway 45 North, Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin.

**VACATION WEEK
EVENTS**

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the event is free, but seating is limited. Carry-ins are allowed. Contact (715) 385-2400

JULY 11, FLEA AND FARMER'S MARKET —

Guests can shop for fresh produce and crafts at the Manitowish Waters Community Center grounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Concessions will be available by the Lions Club. The market will continue to be open on Thursdays throughout the summer. Contact 715-686-2033.

JULY 11, CHAIN SKIMMERS WATERSKI SHOW —

The Chain Skimmers Waterski Show team will perform on Lake Pleasant in Conover from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Contact 715-891-3917.

JULY 11, WRJO STREET DANCE —

Flying Blind will kick off the 2024 WRJO street dance at the intersection of Wall and Main Streets in downtown Eagle River at 7 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. The dances will continue on Thursdays until Aug. 15. Visit the WRJO Facebook page.

JULY 12, MINOCQUA FARMER'S MARKET —

Every Friday at 408 E. Chicago Street in Minocqua from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. guests can shop for fresh produce. Contact 715-356-5266.

JULY 13, MUSIC AT AQUALAND —

Old Pine Road Band will perform at the Aqualand Ale House in Boulder Junction from 7 to 10 p.m. Music will be played in the Beer Garden. Contact 715-385-0380.

JULY 13, CHAIN SKIMMERS WATERSKI SHOW —

The Chain Skimmers Waterski Show team will perform on Lake Pleasant in Conover at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Contact 708-205-9180.

JULY 13, SKIING SKEETERS WATERSKI SHOW —

The Skiing Skeeters Waterski Show team will perform at Rest Lake Park in Manitowish Waters at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free, but seating is not provided. For more information, visit their Facebook page.

JULY 13, MIN-AQUA BATS WATERSKI SHOW —

The MinAqua Bats Waterski Show team will perform at The Aqua Bowl in Minocqua from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is free and seating is provided. For more information, visit minaquabats.org.

JULY 14, EAGLE RIVER FARMER'S MARKET —

Guests can buy fresh produce on Michigan Street in Eagle River from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Farmers market will continue to be open on Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the summer. Contact 715-477-0645.

JULY 15, FLEA MARKET —

Guests can shop for arts, crafts, and treasures at the St. Germain Community Park from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is one of the largest flea markets in the North Woods. Contact 715-891-7333.

JULY 15, BINGO —

Attendees can play bingo at the Manitowish Waters Community Center at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

JULY 16, CONCERT IN THE PARK —

Visitors can enjoy live

music from Flying Blind at Cy Williams Park in Three Lakes at 7 p.m. for the Concert in the Park series. For more information, contact 715-546-2292.

July 16, Sidewalk Sales Day — Visitors can enjoy bargain shopping in downtown Boulder Junction from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Boulder Junction Lion's Club will host its flea and craft market from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as the library used book sale at the same time. Contact 715-385-2400 or visit boulderjct.org.

JULY 16, STOCK CAR RACES —

The races will take place at the Eagle River Speedway from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with gates opening at 5:30 p.m. Concessions and seating are available at the track. Contact 715-479-5208 or visit eagleriverspeedway.com.

JULY 17 MAKE IT CLASS —

Children can attend FAB Lab workshops as the Three Lakes Fab Lab and Demmer Memorial Library present a Make It Class from 9 to 10 a.m. There is a limit of 10 spots per class. Pre-registration is required, so contact the library at 715-546-3391.

JULY 17, MUSIC ON THE LAKE —

Juke Dawgs will perform at Lakefront Pines Park in downtown Phelps from 6 to 9 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Seating is not provided. Contact 715-545-3800.

JULY 18, BAGS AND BREWS —

Players can play a game of cornhole and enjoy food and drink at The Hillside Tavern & Grill in Sayner at 7:30 p.m. Registration starts at 7 p.m. and costs \$30 for each team of two. Visit sayner-starlake.org.



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