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# Fairs and music highlight events set throughout the North Woods

Area chambers of commerce and organizations plan events as added attractions to the lakes and forests that already bring people to the North Woods. The activities 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 water-ski 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.

### AUG. 7, MORNING PLAY —

The GERTA hosts a ladies' Wednesday morning tennis session that welcomes all levels. Players sign up ahead of time and rotate players. Play begins at 10 a.m. Contact 715-542-2337.

### AUG. 7, 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 produce and crafts. Contact 715-477-0645.

### AUG. 7, CONCERT CRAWL —

Flying Blind will perform at Whitetail Inn in St. Germain as part of the Concert Crawl music series. The event will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

### AUG. 7, MUSIC ON MAIN STREET —

Mark Wayne will hit the



The Vilas County Fair is full of family fun and will be held Aug. 8-11 at the Vilas County Fair Grounds.

stage from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Music on Main Street live music event in downtown Boulder Junction. Guests are encouraged to bring their own seating.

### AUG. 7, SKIING SKEETERS WATER SKI SHOW —

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

### AUG. 8, FLEA AND FARMER'S MARKET —

Guests can shop for fresh produce and timeless treasures at the Manitowish Waters Community Center grounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact 715-686-2033.

### AUG. 8, WRJO STREET DANCE —

The Chillbillys will please the crowd for the

WJRO Street Dance at 7 p.m. Food will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Visit the WRJO Facebook page or tune in to 94.5 FM.

### AUG. 8, CHAIN SKIMMERS WATER SKI SHOW —

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

### AUG. 8, SEWING CIRCLE —

Join fellow sewers every Thursday at 9 a.m. All are welcome and the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River has plenty of machines for guests to use. Contact 715-479-8070.

### AUG. 8-11, VILAS COUNTY FAIR —

A four-day event that features exhibits, food trucks, vendors and live entertainment every day and night. It is located at the Vilas County Fairgrounds, 164 Forest

St, Eagle River.

### AUG 9, LADIES ROUND ROBIN —

All player levels can attend. The GERTA will host things at GERTA tennis courts with warmups starting at 9:30 a.m. and play beginning at 10 a.m. Contact 352-239-1346.

### AUG. 9, MINOCQUA FARMER'S MARKET —

Every Friday through mid-October 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.

### AUG. 9, MIN-AQUA BATS WATER SKI SHOW —

The Min-Aqua Bats Water Ski Show team will perform at The Aqua Bowl in Minocqua at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free and seating is provided. For more information, visit [minaquabats.org](http://minaquabats.org).

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

# 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 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](http://lumberjack-steamtrain.com), or call 715-674-3414.



# White Stag Inn in Sugar Camp has served North for 65 years

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.

"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 located 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



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

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# 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, Dansko 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 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](mailto:info@walkabout-paddle.net).



Popular brands such as Patagonia, Life is Good, Lakegirl, Carhartt, Brighton, Prana, Kuhl, Vera Bradley, Tentree and Vouri can be found at WalkAbout Apparel & Paddle.

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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 Terrova, Ulterra or Ultrex I-Pilot Link trolling motor, with a networkable Humminbird Helix or Solix unit(s). And there are many add-on features 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.



Owners Jason Kral and Andrew Boers pictured in the new showroom with rigging expert Ryan Pooch. —STAFF PHOTO

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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.

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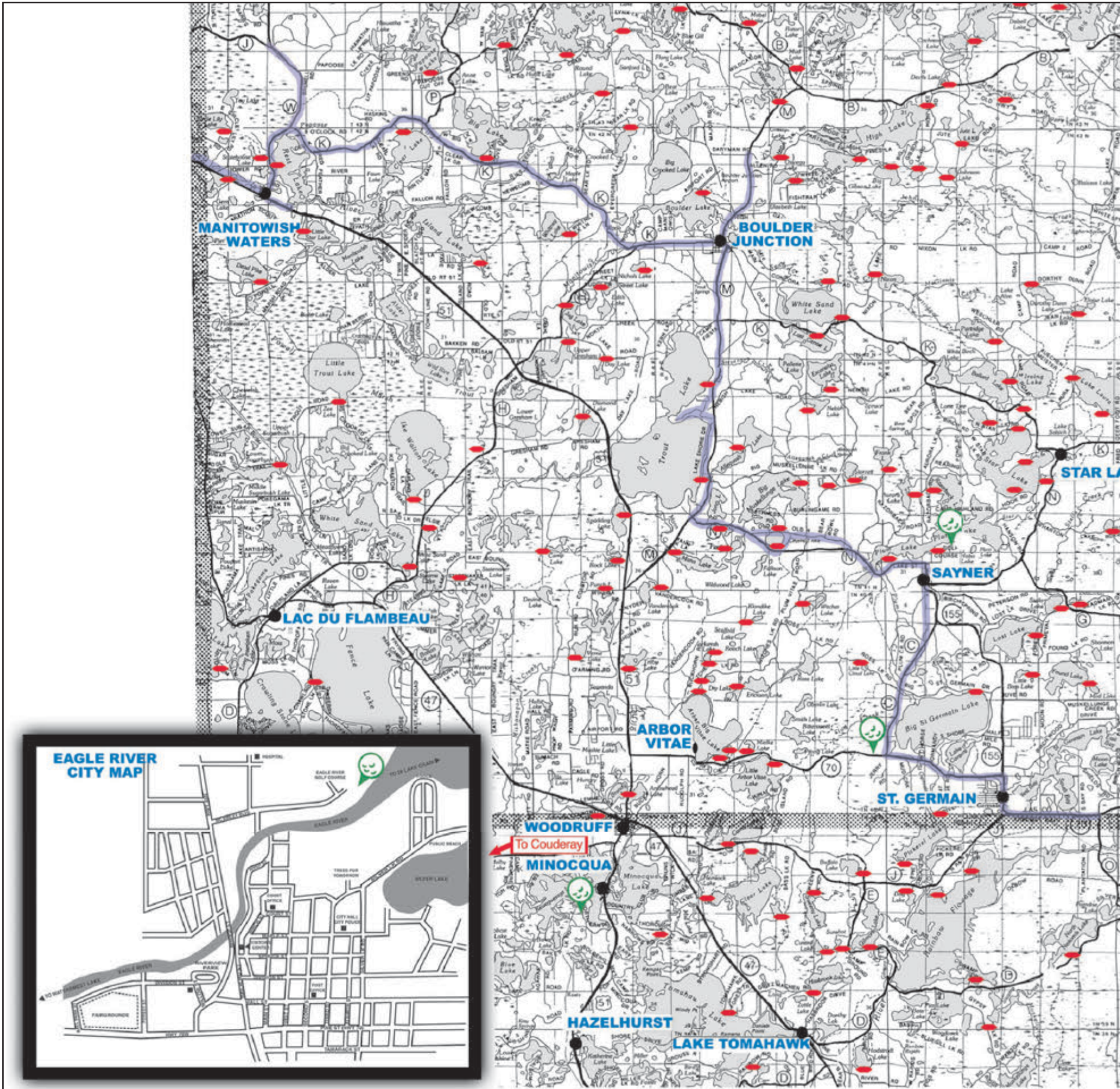
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This church directory will run each week in Vacation Week. If you would like information about having your church added to the list, please stop in at the News-Review or call (715) 479-4421.



# Land O' Lakes Recreation Co. carries a variety of top of the line ATV/UTV, snowmobile 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. —Photo by Bob Hughes

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 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

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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. —Photo by Bob Hughes

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# Lehner-Stephan provides full service jewelry experience

The array of trinkets and jewelry inspired by local wildlife and native art will catch the eye of anyone entering the storefront of Lehner-Stephan Jewelers on Wall Street in downtown Eagle River. Owned and operated by Mike Stephan, the shop offers jewelry, repairs, ear piercing, decorative items, and even a year-round Christmas area.

In 1943, Lehner Jewelers in Eagle River was founded by Stephan's uncle, Al Lehner. Inspired by his uncle, Stephan grew up admiring the

intricate work and satisfying rewards that watchmaking has to offer, explaining that he always enjoyed art — especially the creative side of things.

Stephan, who had come to Eagle River every summer since the 1950s, always enjoyed fishing the area lakes and the lifestyle offered by the North Woods. Driven by his admiration of his uncle, he went on to school to become a certified master jewelry designer and watchmaker. He attended college at UW-Oshkosh and then

enrolled at Milwaukee Area Technical College in 1978.

In 1980, Stephan took over his uncle's business, renaming it Lehner-Stephan Jewelers to honor Lehner's 37 years in the business. Shortly after, Lehner died from cancer. With over 40 years of experience, Stephan crafts one-of-a-kind quality jewelry. He offers handcrafted watches and jewelry designs that showcase a simple elegance that anyone can appreciate.

"Trends are always changing, but simple el-

egance has stood the test of time," Stephan said. "I try to show that elegance in my work."

The beauty of the North Woods influences Stephan's work, providing inspiration in the form of pine cones, acorns, deer and the multitude of wildlife. Stephan also takes his inspiration from modern-day styles and designs.

"The serene atmosphere of the North Woods offers endless possibilities for jewelry designs," he explained.

Recently, Stephan has added southwest art-inspired jewelry to his store. After the passing of his friend John LaBelle, the previous owner of Pink Coyote Southwest Art and Jewelry, he bought the remaining merchandise from his store to continue his legacy of southwest jewelry.

Customers who want a piece refurbished can

take their jewelry to Stephan. He can transform pieces of jewelry into unique art forms to suit his customers' needs and ideas. He works with a variety of materials ranging from metals and stones to rare elk teeth, and enjoys creating something new out of older jewelry pieces.

Stephan also works with high-end gemstones, saying, "Every piece of jewelry has an owner." To Stephan, having a high-quality piece is more than just having a piece of jewelry. He said he takes pride in selling quality products and gemstones. In addition to the high quality, he is always aware of the price point, ensuring he is getting the best value for his customer, he explained.

Stephan's unique style is not the only extent of his craft. His vast portfolio ranges from natural shapes to elegant and modern designs. By

combining his simple elegance with modernized style, Stephan said he is able to craft a rare composition for each of his customers.

"I'm always looking for ways to improve my technique by researching new and improved ways of designing," he said.

"Even after all these years, there are still projects that come in that are new and challenging to me — something I have not done before and get the opportunity to do. It's exciting," Stephan shared.

While doing watch repairs, Stephan works with minuscule screws and gears. As visitors walk through the store, they can see him crafting jewelry or repairing watches.

"We pride ourselves in being a full-service jewelry store. We're here to service what we sell,"

See **JEWELRY** page 15



## VILAS COUNTY FAIR

### Thurs., Fri., Sat. & Sun., Aug. 8-11

Fairgrounds, Hwy. 70 West, Eagle River, Wis.

**All exhibits due by 5 p.m. Thurs. night!**

Make sure you check the schedules because judging days and times have been changed for most departments! **VILAS COUNTY FAIR WELCOMES SHERIDAN AMUSEMENTS, LLC**

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### 2024 Vilas County Fair Schedule

<p><b>Thursday, August 8th:</b> Midway opens at 5 p.m.</p> <p>5-10 p.m. <b>Wristband night \$25</b> (unlimited rides)</p> <p>5 p.m. All exhibits are due &amp; <b>registration ends</b></p> <p>6 &amp; 8 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>7 p.m. Judging begins, public welcome to watch (<b>Flowers &amp; vegetables</b>)</p> <p>7-11 p.m. "Burton Tyler Music"-live music</p> <p><b>Friday, August 9th:</b> Midway opens at noon</p> <p>9 a.m. Judging begins, public welcome to watch (<b>food &amp; nutrition, home furnishings &amp; cultural arts, exploring/clothing &amp; needle, special-X, Photography, Junior-departments, woodworking, &amp; wine</b>)</p> <p>Noon-10 p.m. <b>Wristbands \$30</b></p> <p>1 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>2 &amp; 4 p.m. "Miller &amp; Mike" Comedy Juggler shows</p> <p>2 p.m. Judging-Woodworking (Wine &amp; Beer to follow this)</p> <p>5 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>7 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>7-11 p.m. "Tom Katalin/Hwy 41 Band"-live music</p>	<p><b>Saturday, August 10th:</b> Midway opens at noon</p> <p>Noon-10 p.m. <b>Wristbands \$30</b> (bring in 2 nonperishable food items for either the Vilas County Food Pantry or the Humane Society of Vilas County &amp; receive <b>\$2 off</b>)</p> <p>11 a.m. Horseshoe tournament</p> <p>1 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>2 &amp; 3:30 "Miller &amp; Mike" Comedy Juggler shows</p> <p>4 p.m. Lena Mini Modified Garden Tractor pulls show</p> <p>5 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>7 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>7:30-11 p.m. "Michael Murphy/AKA Big Dog"-live music</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 11th:</b> Midway opens at noon</p> <p>Noon-5 p.m. <b>Wristbands \$25</b> (unlimited rides)</p> <p>11 a.m. Horseshoe tournament</p> <p>Noon-2 p.m. Kids' Games: veggie &amp; gunnysack races, watermelon eating contest, &amp; water balloon toss</p> <p>2 p.m. "Miller &amp; Mike" Comedy Juggler show</p> <p>2:30 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>4:30 p.m. K9 Agility Training show (20 minute show)</p> <p>2-6 p.m. "Michael Hozz Music"-live music</p>
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Lehner-Stephan Jewelers provides customers with a wide selection of unique, one-of-a-kind jewelry to choose from. —Contributed Photo



# 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](mailto:info@tackbox.com), or visit [tackbox.com](http://tackbox.com).



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

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# EVENTS

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## AUG. 9-11, MUSKY JAMBOREE —

Live music, food, beverages and other entertainment for all ages will be available during the celebration in downtown Boulder Junction. The

event takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. For more information visit boulderjct.org.

## AUG. 9, LEARN-TO-FISH MUSKY WORKSHOP —

The Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources will provide free fishing tips starting at 8:30 a.m. Attendees can head to the Boulder Junction Community Center to listen in. Visit boulderjct.org.

## AUG. 10, SKIING SKEETERS WATER SKI SHOW —

The Skiing Skeeters Water Ski Show team will perform at Rest Lake Park in Manitowish Waters on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free, but seating is not

provided. For more information, visit the Facebook page.

## AUG. 10, CHAIN SKIMMERS WATER SKI SHOW —

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

## AUG. 11, PIG ROAST —

Lanny's Fireside will host a pig roast for the Conover Sno-Buddies from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy pulled pork sand-

wiches, German potato salad, baked beans, corn on the cob and much more.

## AUG. 12, EDUCATION PROGRAM —

The Northwoods Children's Museum will host a free wildlife program by the Northwoods Wildlife Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Contact 715-479-4623 for more information.

## AUG. 13, FLEA MARKET —

A large outdoor craft and flea market at the community center in

# VACATION WEEK

Boulder Junction will include food vendors from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Lions Club will have its slider and baked goods booth set up. Contact Tom Weirzba at 715-686-7970.

## AUG. 13, 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



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# LAKES

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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 in-

centives 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 selling dealer for all of their brands, but a servicing 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 sportswear 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.

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# JEWELRY

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he said. Stephan said that they can handle numerous repairs, including jewelry chains, pins, broaches, pendants, earrings, rings, eyeglasses, metal sculptures, teapots and more. Other work involves rebuilding prongs on rings, new posts on earrings, ring sizings, soldering cracked ring shanks, stone repairs, diamond setting and settings on colored gemstones and minerals.

Recently, Stephan purchased a new laser welder to help him repair even more types of items such as eyeglass frames and costume jewelry. He also can weld any type of metal, even steel pieces.

“If you would like it repaired and you’re not sure if it can be repaired, just ask!” Stephan exclaimed. He also enjoys the challenging repair pieces people bring in, saying, “If it could be made once, it can be made again.”

Stephan does repairs on watches, including quartz, mechanical and pocket watches, providing availability of parts.

“We do a lot of battery replacements while also checking the watch movement and back gasket, cleaning debris away,” Stephan said. He said his career as a certified master watchmaker has given him a fine eye and patience to craft and repair intricate pieces of art.

In addition to custom work, Lehner-Stephan Jewelers also offers a large selection of Citizen watches for men and women. Jewelry brands such as Officina Bernardi and Carla have yellow and white gold necklaces, anklets, earrings, brace-

lets, pendants and rings. Preciosa Czechoslovakian Crystal offers quality sterling silver jewelry.

Stephan receives new designs each year from the various companies he stocks.

Stephan goes out on the road throughout the year to shop for inventory and pieces at different trade shows and stores across the country. He said he believes in laying his eyes on pieces and said it affords him the opportunity to, “Only buy what I like and what I think my customers will like, and ensure its quality.”

Along with a large variety of diamond sizes that range from small to large, the store also sells pearls and an assortment of colored stones such as rubies, emeralds, sapphires and more. If the store doesn’t have the style a customer

is searching for, shoppers can look through Stephan’s catalogs to find their ideal piece.

“I have extensive access to more than 20 different diamond companies, numerous colored stone companies and a catalog of jewelry manufacturers to help ensure that the customer receives exactly what they wish for,” said Stephan. “We sell beautifully crafted wedding bands and engagement rings with diamonds that are cut in the most elegant fashion,” he said. The shop offers a range of prices to suit anyone’s needs.

In addition to the array of jewelry and watches, Lehner-Stephan Jewelers also sells clocks and other fine home décor items. “We have a large variety of decorative frogs, lizards and turtles throughout the store that are a

huge hit,” said Stephan.

They offer gifts for every occasion, according to Stephan. “We appreciate the patrons that contribute to the local businesses in the North Woods. With our customers’ support, we can provide help to their needs and requests.”

“I want my current and future patrons to know that when I work on something, my full attention is on that project. No matter how long it takes. Each piece deserves and gets the attention it needs, no matter the monetary value. I approach each piece as if

it were my own, and how would I want it to look,” said Stephan.

The store is located at 110 Wall St. in downtown Eagle River. Hours are Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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