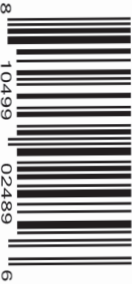


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Vilas, Oneida receive almost \$1 million in AIS grants

BY JOSEPHINE
HINDERMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Lake groups, nonprofit organizations, and other municipal and county governments in Vilas and Oneida counties have been awarded nearly \$1 million in funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) surface water grants.

In Vilas County, a total of \$608,116.67 was awarded, and \$263,547.73 was awarded to Oneida County.

Funding, which includes support for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) programs and numerous efforts to provide education, management and prevention of aquatic invasive species (AIS), will be used to help restore and

protect the state's surface water resources in 2025 and beyond.

The Vilas County Land and Water is one of the organizations to have received funding from the DNR grants, an amount totaling \$14,950.09.

According to lake conservation specialist with the department Cathy Higley, the department will be using the funds for AIS management and prevention in area waterways, which include lakes and wetlands.

"We want to try to manage invasive species in ways that don't affect other things in the ecosystem," she explained.

One of these AIS controlling efforts that these funds will help support is the breeding and

use of "Cella" beetles in an effort to control purple loosestrife populations in local wetland areas, notably on Deerskin River, an area Higley says is "an important fisheries resource."

"And it's just a beautiful area," she added.

Another project that is being supported is the department continuing to assist the state with monitoring boat behavior through CBCW programs, including seeing if boaters adhere to the program by cleaning their boats, as well as installing, improving and updating signage at entry points into waterways.

A part of the CBCW program that is being

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STATE CHAMP — Reegan Roy, Wabeno-Laona/Three Lakes sophomore wrestler, takes time to soak in his first WIAA Individual State Wrestling championship moments after his championship match ended. Roy swept his 106-pound bracket in D3.

—Photo By William Zuelke

Public hearing for proposed pickleball complex set Thursday

BY JOSEPHINE
HINDERMAN
NEWS EDITOR

The Eagle River Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to seek input on a proposal by the Eagle River Pickleball Association (ERPA) to develop a 12-court pickleball complex behind City Hall at 525 E. Maple St. on Thursday, March 6, at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

According to ERPA, the complex would include new courts that conform to USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) standards, fences installed between the courts for safety and preventing balls from rolling onto adjacent courts, space for safer parking and traffic conditions, shade and seating accommodations with a 12-16' viewing area between courts, and a

proposal of adding activities and games to the site to accommodate additional outdoor activities at a later date.

The association says that this centralized location will bring more people to downtown businesses, increase the revenue stream for the city, and allow the existing pickleball courts at Riverview Park to be repurposed to expand the playground and basketball courts there.

Additional infrastructure plans for the proposed pickleball complex may be added to include future basketball and volleyball courts, cornhole lanes, a pavilion, and designated parking areas within the field.

The ERPA says that they

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NICE CATCH — 14-year-old Mason Hug poses with the over 32-inch Northern Pike he hauled through the ice last week. His family says that they are getting the monster pike mounted for Mason, who they say has been fishing since he was about five years old.

—Photo By Brian Hug

Eagle River businesses band together to support Hernandez family

Small town generosity fuels Hernandez family's hope

BY MICHELLE DREW
CORRESPONDENT

When the unthinkable happens, having a community that goes out of its way to rally around you can be a point of light in what is otherwise a very dark situation.

This is a lesson the Hernandez family of Eagle River learned recently, when Keith Hernandez — husband of Becky Bauer-Hernandez and father to Harmony (10) and Zoë (12) — was unexpectedly diagnosed with an aggressive form of blood cancer.

Keith woke up the morning of Feb. 8 with pain in his groin region. Thinking he had simply pulled a muscle, the

family carried on "living life," Becky said. But when the pain became too overwhelming to bear, that prompted a trip to the hospital.

"I was having to stop, while driving, in order for him to vomit as he was in excruciating pain," Becky recalled. After a slew of tests and a week spent in Wausau Hospital, the family received the dreaded news — Keith had Stage 2 blood cancer.

Becky shared the news in an update post on her Go Fund Me Page, saying, "February 17th is officially the worst day of our lives. We received the news that no one wants to receive. The Love of My Life has Cancer."

Doctors immediately started Keith on an aggressive form of chemotherapy which requires trips to Wausau every three weeks for at least the next six months for treatment. Becky remains realistic, but also optimistic on the outcome.

"The journey to the end is going to be a very long one, but I know that Keith will fight like hell and kick cancer's ass!" she said.

She noted that Keith has remained strong and in good spirits despite the situation. In a post made the day before his diagnosis, she said that even though he was "exhausted, beat up, and mentally and physically drained," Keith was still smiling.

Now home with his wife and two daughters, they are taking in the small joys of life and spending time together as they navigate this "new normal."

"This new reality is scary," Becky said. "We have a very long road ahead of us and could use all the help we can get!"

Community support

Early on in the process, Becky started the Go Fund Me page to raise funds and provide updates while they tried to learn what was ailing Keith. She also took

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After a very hectic month of doctor visits, testing and a cancer diagnosis, Becky and Keith Hernandez were "blessed" to be able to catch a glimpse of this year's ice castle before it was taken down.

—Contributed Photo

WEATHERCORNER

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

LAST SEVEN DAYS

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Feb. 25.....	41	24	None
Wed., Feb. 26.....	44	22	None
Thurs., Feb. 27.....	33	23	0.5" S
Fri., Feb. 28.....	40	10	None
Sat., Mar. 1.....	15	-4	1.5" S
Sun., Mar. 2.....	31	-9	None
Mon., Mar. 3.....	44	30	None

ONE YEAR AGO

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Sun., Feb. 25.....	28	3	None
Mon., Feb. 26.....	37	-1	None
Tues., Feb. 27.....	48	19	None
Wed., Feb. 28.....	51	24	0.7" S
Thurs., Feb. 29.....	51	23	None
Fri., Mar. 1.....	51	23	None
Sat., Mar. 2.....	33	4	None
Sun., Mar. 3.....	32	-1	0.1" R

LAST YEAR

The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 42, while the average overnight low was 22. There was precipitation on two days, measuring 0.07" of rain.

Comparison

Days of precipitation recorded since Jan. 1, 2025, 43 days; 2024, 30 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2025, 24; 2024, 40. Average low of past 30 days, 2025, 3; 2024, 15.

SNOW DEPTH

Snow measured around 5" in depth at 8 a.m. on Monday, Mar. 3.

ICE CONDITIONS

While daytime temperatures are beginning to creep into the upper 30s and low 40s on some days, the solid ice base is still holding strong at 22" to 34" throughout the area.

5-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Windy with snow.	Hi:25	Lo:2139
Thursday: Partly cloudy.	Hi:34	Lo:14
Friday: Times of sun and clouds.	Hi:33	Lo:8
Saturday: Times of sun and clouds.	Hi:29	Lo:14
Sunday: Mostly cloudy.	Hi:42	Lo:21

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

NEWS



EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE — David Weber (left) of Little Saint Mobil in St. Germain hands Principle Tony Duffek (right) of St. Germain Elementary School a check for \$500, as part of the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Grant Program. Every year, ExxonMobil awards Educational Alliance grants to K-12 schools across the country. The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance Program provides Mobil retailers an opportunity to invest in the future of communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools for the purpose of advancing math and science programs. It's part of an ongoing effort to support science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education. Since 2000, ExxonMobil has committed over \$40 million to this grant program.

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DAYLIGHT Saving Time BEGINS

People are reminded to set their clocks ahead an hour as daylight savings time occurs this weekend on Sunday, March 9.

Vilas snowmobile trails now closed

Land department, clubs hope closings are temporary

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

As of this past Sunday at noon, Vilas County snowmobile trails have been temporarily closed due to recent warm weather conditions and high traffic, causing wear and tear on the trails, resulting in bare ground and pavement becoming exposed in some areas.

“This was not an easy decision for the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance Members to make,” stated an announcement released by the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Department. “Once more snow has fallen and trail conditions are safe, we plan to reopen.”

For current conditions and local club updates, visit their respective websites or follow them on social media.

For more information, contact Vilas County Parks and Recreation Supervisor Todd Bierman at tobier@vilascountywi.gov or call 715-479-5160.

Grants

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supported by the grant funds is the use of hot water pressure to wash boats at landings infested with spiny water fleas as part of the effort to prevent them from spreading into other waterways.

Due to spiny water fleas not always being apparent to the naked eye, Higley emphasized the importance of cleaning boats after they take a spin on local waters.

“The focus for (AIS discussions and funding) should be on prevention. The state used to hand out ice packs and rags to clean boats, but there just aren't enough funds to do that anymore,” she said. “(Spiny water fleas) are super small; you won't always be able to see them — they're a kind of plankton. They tend to catch a ride underneath boats and on fishing lines, so even if you don't see anything we say it's best to play it safe and wash your boat.”

Higley added that department staff are going to focus these decontamination efforts on Star, Plum, Trout and Big Muskellunge lakes in Sayner, Star Lake and Arbor Vitae areas.

Funding will also go towards assisting with volunteer planning with CBCW, which includes the cleaning and testing of lake waters for their clarity, nutrients, and depth profiles to enter into a state database. There will also be monitoring for invasive species, such as curly leaf pond weed.

Higley said that the list of lakes set to be monitored has not yet been confirmed.

Eagle River chain efforts

Another group that will benefit from this grand cycle is the Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission (the Commission) in an effort to combat Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) present in area lakes.

The Commission received \$150,000 for three years to combat EWM, an ongoing battle that has been fought on the Eagle River Chain for years.

The Commission will be working with contracting group Onterra LLC, whom they have been working with since 2007, to continue EWM treatment and management.

Back in November, Onterra reported that they found 97.4 acres of EWM on the chain in 2024, an increase from the 61.6 acres shown in their 2023 management report. At the meeting where Onterra aquatic ecologist Eddie Heath presented the increasing EWM amounts, he also said it may be time for the Commission and Onterra to consider amending their current lake management plan to include the use of herbicides in their fight against EWM.

Members of the Commission said that they have not yet executed the grant agreement that will allow them to receive the funds, and will also need to “review the professional services agreement with Onterra” before proceeding. They added that they will be releasing more information on the specifics of what the grant will be used for once they have had a chance to meet and delegate.

Northwoods Land Trust, Inc.

The Northwoods Land Trust, Inc. was another group selected to receive funds this grant cycle.

They were selected to receive \$50,000 in funding for a two-year project focused on getting the word out to Oneida County property owners about the tools and services available to help keep shorelands natural and, if desired, permanently preserved. This will include mailings, workshops, presentations and outings starting this summer, with the hope that this will ultimately lead to some landowners opting to preserve their land with the land trust. Today, the land trust protects over 85 miles of private shorelands in northern Wisconsin.

Another goal of the project is to inspire the community to become more aware of the healthy, though vulnerable, water resources in Oneida County.

“In the county, there are approximately 1,129 lakes that cover over 68,000 acres and include 170 public boat landings,” said Carrie Rasmussen, philanthropy director with Northwoods Land Trust. “The concentration of freshwater lakes in the county are of global significance and they help sustain the tourism-based economy and property tax base.

Keeping shorelands natural, with minimal disturbance, will help protect water quality and wildlife/fish habitat. Permanent land protection is the most effective way to ultimately protect water quality and wildlife habitat now and into the future,” added Rasmussen.

Rasmussen explained that the grant agreement has not yet been signed, and most likely won't be until late March.

For more information about Northwoods Land Trust, Inc., visit their website at northwoodslandtrust.org.

Statewide funding

In total, the DNR announced approximately \$6 million in the state with 371 applicants having been awarded funding.

The projects are incredibly diverse, including education and outreach activities, management planning, habitat restoration, runoff management, water quality improvement projects, and aquatic invasive species prevention and management. The projects selected for awards leverage a substantial amount of local funding and commit to making important contributions to our natural resource legacy.

Annually, the program supports many local and regional partnerships working to improve water quality across counties and watersheds. This year, the program was able to fund several river and lake restoration and management plan implementation projects.

“Grantees, partners, and DNR staff are often most excited about implementation-type projects, as it is fulfilling to see ideas, many of which took years of nurturing, come to reality as the projects are initiated and completed,” said Jen Jefferson, DNR surface water grant program manager.

A total of 156 organizations will receive support to participate in the CBCW program and 38 organizations will receive support to participate in the Lake Monitoring and Protection Network (LMPN). As part of CBCW, local advocates focus on education and outreach to empower watercraft users to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. The LMPN supports lake monitoring and aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention activities on a county basis and continues to be present in 69 of 72 counties in Wisconsin.

These projects are just a few examples of the organizations and communities receiving funding this year.

For more information, or to find a Surface Water Grant Project in your community, visit the DNR's Surface Water webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/SurfaceWater.

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OBITUARIES

Janice Garasha

Janice Garasha of Eagle River died on Feb. 17, 2025. She was 77.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday March 8, 2025, at the Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

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

Pansy Frane



Pansy Ila Frane, 97, of Three Lakes, passed away peacefully at Friendly Village on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025.

Pansy was born in Crandon, Wis. on June 6, 1927, to Byrd J. and Clío V. Miller. She was raised in Crandon, Effie, Minn. and Oshkosh, Wis.

On March 17, 1982, at the courthouse in Rhineland, Pansy was united in marriage to Daniel Frane. The couple lived in Three Lakes. She worked in the field of private home health care as a CNA.

She enjoyed going to the Friendship House in Eagle River.

One of the most important parts of her life was sharing the word of God with others. Pansy taught the word of the Lord through the Mission Bible Training Center.

She was known to have a smile that could light up a room and had a personality and a love for people that allowed her to make friends easily.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Daniel; children, Myron, Lenny, Crystal, Brent, Carla, and Casey; many grandkids, great-grandkids, and great-great-grandkids. Also surviving are stepchildren, Jesse and Sara; and step-grandkids. Pansy is further survived by other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Clío; grandson, Michael; and by one brother, Jesse Miller.

The visitation for Pansy will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at the Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church, located at 1614 WI-32, Three Lakes, from 9:00 a.m. until the 12:00 p.m. Service. Pastor Art will officiate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhineland, Wis., 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to leave an on-line condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com

PAID OBITUARY

Marjorie "Marge" Klessig



Marjorie (Marge) Klessig, age 86, of Manitowoc, passed away peacefully at Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center, on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2025.

She was born Oct. 29, 1938, in Rhineland to the late Clarence and Valgene (Okerstrom) Olson.

In 1960, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Klessig. Marge was employed as a 'Baby Nurse' until she was blessed with her own children.

She referred to herself as the Swedish Princess and was very proud of her Swedish heritage.

Marge loved genealogy, gardening, and antiques. She was very involved in several women's groups at Faith Lutheran Church in Valders, as well as a Communion visitor. She also volunteered for many years at the Pinecrest Historical Village. Marge traveled the world with Bob. She had many favorite places including Snipe Lake, at her cabin, for 4 o'clock Wine Time and Port Wing, Wisconsin, where her roots began.

Marge will be remembered for her wicked sense of humor, the beautiful decorations she would set up for every holiday, and the love for her family. She especially loved her grandchildren who were the lights of her life.

She is survived by her children, Kurt (Mary) Klessig, Sheboygan, Craig Klessig (special friend Christine), Valders, Lori Klessig (special friend Matthew), Kiel, and Seth (Wendy) Klessig, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Caleb (Malia) Christel, Makenzie (Riley) Quinn, Noah Christel, Caynen (Caity) Klessig, Justin Kelliher, Tanner Klessig (special friend Vanessa), Trey Klessig (special friend Zoe), Molly Klessig (special friend Wyatt), and Grace Klessig; four great-grandchildren, Myah Marie, Lenny Belle, Emory Hazel, Fritz Robert; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Valgene Olson; her husband, Robert Klessig; brother, Duane Olson; sisters, Judy Murphy and Clarice Rech.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday Feb. 21, 2025, at Faith Lutheran Church, 255 Roosevelt Street, Valders. Rev. Dan Lyman. Marge officiated the service she was laid to rest next to Bob at Valders West Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting www.harriganparksidefuneralhome.com. The Harrigan Parkside Funeral Home, Manitowoc, is assisting the Klessig family with funeral arrangements.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to her wonderful caregivers at Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation and Sharon S. Richardson Hospice for the care and compassion shown to Marge and her family. The family would also like to thank the many friends Marge has made through the years for their companionship and love.

PAID OBITUARY

Susanne "Sudy" Ferry Wattson

Susanne "Sudy" Ferry Wattson, born as Clara Susanne Ferry and known affectionately as Sudy, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, at the age of 77 with her children by her side.

Sudy was born on June 17, 1947, in Evanston, Ill., at Evanston Hospital to Susanne Snead and Francis Farwell Ferry, Jr. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend whose life was marked by compassion, strength, and a fierce dedication to her family, community, and the causes she held dear.

Early Life and Education: Sudy's early years were spent in Wilmette, Ill., where her family lived close to her paternal grandparents in Winnetka. They later moved to Long Grove, Ill., to live with her grandparents, Frank Farwell Ferry, Sr. and Deborah Sayles, while her parents built their family home. Sudy's education began in an informal kindergarten program at a neighbor's house, and she later attended Kildeer Countryside Elementary School in Long Grove.

In 1959, Sudy's parents separated, and in 1960, Susanne married Robert "Bob" Marshall. The family relocated to Highland Park, Ill. where Sudy attended Elm Place Middle School for 7th and 8th grades before graduating from Highland Park High School. During her high school years, Sudy was a cheerleader for three years and participated in synchronized swimming. She was also an active member of the student council, where she served as secretary and social chair, organizing dances and social events for her peers.

Academic and Professional Life: Sudy was an exceptional student who excelled academically. She attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she earned top grades in nursing school and attended many of the university's football and hockey games. Later, she earned her Master's degree in Nursing, focusing on Psychiatric Care, from the prestigious University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

After completing her studies at UCSF, Sudy worked in mental health at UCSF's Langley Porter Psychiatric Institute in San Francisco, Marin General's Crisis Unit, and Ross Hospital in Kentfield, California. Throughout her professional career, Sudy was deeply committed to her work and to advocating for improved working conditions and nurses' rights. She was a passionate advocate for women's equality and empowerment.

Sudy spent nearly 34 years living in Tiburon, Calif. where she raised her two children, Coren "Cory" (Christina) Shakarian and Abby (Joe) Chappell. As a mother, Sudy was actively involved in her children's lives, cheering them on at school, sports, ballet performances, and other events.

Later Years and Northwoods Legacy: In 2009, Sudy made the bold decision to leave her beloved Tiburon for the Northwoods, moving to Land O' Lakes, Wis. her childhood summer escape. She spent the last fifteen years of her life immersed in the beauty and community of the Northwoods, where she had deep familial and ancestral ties. Sudy was a proud member of Ely Memorial Church, where she sang in the choir and was a Tenor in the Northwoods Singers. She was also actively involved in the Land O' Lakes Historical Society, where she served as past president, as well as in the Fish and Game Club and numerous other local organizations.

Sudy's passion for nature and wildlife was evident in her lifelong love of animals, including horses, dogs, and cats, many of whom she rescued and cared for. She had a unique talent for penmanship and writing and spent much of her time writing journals and letters to her loved ones, always communicating with warmth and creativity.

A generous and kind-hearted woman, Sudy's love for others knew no bounds. Whether it was supporting charitable organizations, family, or friends, Sudy was quick to offer her help, whether through a thoughtful gift, a loan, or a heartfelt note. She gave freely, even in times of personal financial hardship.

Family and Legacy: Sudy is survived by her two children, Coren "Cory" (Christina) Shakarian and Abby (Joe) Chappell; her four grandchildren, Ava Chappell, Isaac Chappell, Shant Shakarian, and Maral Shakarian; her brother, Frank (Sharon) Ferry III; her sister, Cheryl Smith; her ex-husbands, Carl John Shakarian and James "Jim" A. Wattson; and her siblings, Marcia Elizabeth Lindberg, Jo Anne Lindberg, and G. William "Bill" Lindberg. Sudy also leaves behind an extended family of cousins; nieces; nephews; relatives by marriage; and close friends, who were always just a letter or phone call away.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Susanne Snead Marshall and Francis Farwell Ferry Jr.; her stepmother, Elizabeth "Betty" Ferry; and her sisters, Abby Ferry Marcy and Jeanette "Jenny" Sokulski.

The Wattson, Shakarian, Chappell, and Ferry families express their deepest gratitude to the Land O' Lakes, Watersmeet, MI, and greater Northwoods communities for the care, love, and support they provided Sudy throughout her life.

Celebration of Life: A celebration of Sudy's life will take place in the summer of 2025 (date TBD) in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin - the place where Sudy felt most at home.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Ely Memorial Church (<https://elyucc.org/>) or your favorite environmental or animal charity, such as Greenpeace (<https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/>), the Sierra Club (<https://www.sierraclub.org/>), or the World Wildlife Fund (<https://www.worldwildlife.org/>), to honor Sudy's legacy of compassion for both people and the planet.

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but I marvel at its speed.
Widowhood. What an uncharted doorway
opening the future of alone!
What lies beyond? The knocker
is silent, threshold bare
of your footfall, sidelights remain dark.
I leave the light on,
only attracting little beige moths
and tiny gnats that cloud the glass.
There's a lock on my heart
yet it's okay
because you still hold the key
somewhere up in the clouds.



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Phil Benz



Philip H Benz, 91, passed away peacefully in his home in Oro Valley, AZ on Feb. 20, 2025.

He was born in Milwaukee, WI on Sept. 7, 1933, to Harvey and Irene (nee Klug) Benz.

Phil lived seasonally on Chain Lake for 35 years with his wife, Audrey (nee Schlossin, who passed in 2015). He was also a resident of Orinda, CA and later, Oro Valley, AZ.

Phil grew up in Milwaukee, WI. He was a naval aviator from 1956, serving two tours in Vietnam and retired from the Navy with the rank of captain. Phil was a pilot for 35 years.

Phil was a member and volunteer of the Eagle River Lions Club. He also golfed with the men's league of Eagle River GC. Throughout his life, Phil enjoyed golfing, skiing, fishing, and traveling to visit his many friends.

Phil is survived by his two children, Steve Benz and Laura Plamondon and his four grandchildren.

Phil will be remembered for his great enthusiasm for life, his easy ability to make friends and his care and love for those around him.

The family would appreciate any memorials in his name be sent to Bethesda Lutheran Home.

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John 6:11

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NEWS

Gov. Evers proposed budget to hike up fishing, hunting fees

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Several changes have been proposed by Governor Tony Evers recently unveiled 2025-2027 biennial bill, one of which is increasing Wisconsin residents' hunting and

fishing license fees.

In a nearly 2,000-page budget document titled "Senate Bill 45," Gov. Evers's proposal outlines changes to fees posed to Wisconsin anglers and hunters that include increased hunting, fishing, trapping and tagging fees.

Most cost increases detailed by the bill range between \$10 and \$20, with \$40 price hikes seen for bear hunting and wolf harvesting licenses. An annual deer hunt license fee would be increased from \$21.25 to \$41.25, wild turkey from \$12.25 to \$22.25, annual

fishing from \$19.25 to \$29.25, and trapping approvals from \$19.25 to \$39.25.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the last time Wisconsin resident license fees were increased was in 2005.

Fisheries and Wildlife Management

- Increases hunting, fishing and trapping fees to provide stability to the fish and wildlife account

License	Current Fee	Proposed Increase	New Fee
Resident Deer	\$22.00	\$20.00	\$42.00
Nonresident Deer	\$198.00	\$20.00	\$218.00
Resident Small Game	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$36.00
Nonresident Annual Small Game	\$88.00	\$20.00	\$108.00
Nonresident 5-day Small Game	\$58.00	\$10.00	\$68.00
Resident Annual Fishing	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00
Nonresident Annual Fishing	\$55.00	\$10.00	\$65.00
Resident Conservation Patron	\$161.00	\$40.00	\$201.00
Nonresident Conservation Patron	\$616.00	\$40.00	\$656.00
Resident Trapping	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Nonresident Trapping	\$150.00	\$20.00	\$170.00

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Vilas County court report

Flambeau man found guilty of two child sex assault charges

A Lac du Flambeau man pleaded guilty to two counts of 1st-degree child sexual assault of a person under the age of 13 during a plea hearing last week in Vilas County Circuit Court before Judge Daniel Overbey.

Keith Hickman, 46, was found guilty and had a sentencing hearing scheduled for May 7, among other cases, at 10 a.m. His defense requested a pre-sentence investigation be done before the hearing. The offense took place Nov. 12, 2023, according to online court records.

La Detra Dotts, 35, of Eagle River, waived her preliminary hearing on one felony charge of narcotic drug possession and two other misdemeanors. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court, and a judicial pretrial was scheduled for April 1, at 11:30 a.m.

Dalton Keuffer, 21, of Conover, pleaded guilty and was ordered to 30 months probation with conditions on one felony count of Exposing Genitals/Pubic Area/Intimate Parts to a Child.

Keuffer had a 12-month sentence in Vilas Jail stayed for the probation period.

His probation includes 20 days of conditional jail, starting on or before April 25. The Court also did not order Keuffer to be on the sex offender registry. There are 10 days of presentence credit in case of revocation.

Destiny Deverney, 19, of Lac du Flambeau, had a preliminary hearing on one felony count of methamphetamine possession. Detective George Hopfensperger from the Lac du Flambeau

Tribal Police Department testified during the hearing and identified Deverney. Probable cause was found, and a judicial pretrial was set for April 22, at 9:15 a.m.

Lance Wayman Sr., 50, of Minocqua, and his defense requested a plea/sentencing hearing during a judicial pretrial on two felony counts of possession with intent-fentanyl and possession with intent-amphetamine/methamphetamine. The plea/sentencing hearing is set for March 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Vilas County Sheriff

The Vilas County Sheriff's Office reported a total of 311 incidents last week, which included 15 911 hang-ups, one car versus deer accident, one hit and run traffic accident, two personal injury accidents, five nonreportable traffic accidents, four property damages, three agency assists, one aircraft problem, 13 burglary alarms, four fire alarms, 44 ambulance requests, two ambulance staging requests, one dog bite, one animal neglect, six animal problems, one attempt to locate, one ATV complaint, two violations of bond conditions, three conditions of bond, one warrant cancellation, 16 citizen assists, one communications problem, three criminal damages to proeprty, one disorderly conduct, three deer in roadway, three disturbances, one fish and game violation, two domestic violence complaints, six drug problems, nine sick leaves, one fire, two structure fires, three found properties, one fraud, one drive off, one gas leak, four harassments, 14 warrant confirmations, one dumping, 13 information reports, two employee injuries, two intoxicated persons, 12 juvenile problems, four lifeline alarms, three powerlines down, one lockout, two lost properties, one noise complaint, one OWI, one parking problem, one protection order, one vacation check, four officer requests, one highway and road conditions report, two search warrants, two lewd and lascivious reports, two snowmobile

violations, three subject removals, three suicide attempts, 13 suspicious circumstances, one identity theft, 12 hazards, 10 traffic violations, one court transport, one transport warrant, two property trespasses, one unsecure premise, two utility problems, one arrest warrant and 21 welfare checks.

A total of 33 people were taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Eagle River Police

The Eagle River Police Department reported a total of 39 incidents last week, which included one aircraft problem, five alarms, two ambulance requests, two alcohol offenses, one custodial interference, three citizen assists, three controlled substance possession, one controlled substance paraphernalia violation, one disorderly conduct, one false alarm, one information report, one juvenile problem, one hit and run traffic accident, one property damage accident, one traffic hazard, five traffic offenses, one theft, one utility problem, one vandalism report, and six welfare checks.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported a total of 33 incidents last week, which included one alarm, one ambulance request, one citizen assist, two motorist assists, one agency assist, 12 business checks, one commitment report, three extra patrols, two information reports, one scam, six traffic stops, and two vehicles in ditch.

Hearing

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plan on taking on the costs of building the park, but concerns have been raised on how much the project will cost, as well as the cost of upkeep.

Those who have voiced opposition to the building of the complex have also cited concerns over its location in a single-family residential neighborhood, with drawbacks that include increased traffic and parking congestion, noise from frequent gameplay, the impact of a playground already

existing on the site, and the loss of a snow storage site.

Proposed plans are available to view on the Eagle River city website at <https://eagleriverwi.gov/city-government/current-year-meeting-agendas-minutes/> under the heading "2025 Public Hearing Notices," or can be viewed at City Hall during business hours.

Comments can be made during the public hearing, or by mail to the City Administrator, P.O. Box 1269, Eagle River, WI 54521, by phone at 715-479-8682 x227, or by email at rcginner@eagleriverwi.gov.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Ullrich



Patricia Mary Ullrich, age 70, of Eagle River, Wis. passed away on Feb. 26, 2025.

She was born March 25, 1954, in Chicago Ill. She grew up in Rolling Meadows, where she attended Forest View High School in Arlington Heights.

After graduating from high school, she moved to Stevens Point where she attended UWSP and then North Central Technical Institute where she obtained an associate degree in nursing. Later she obtained her bachelor's degree in nursing. In Stevens Point is where she met her husband, Carl Ullrich.

She worked as an orthopedic RN at St. Michaels hospital for 10 years. During this time, she married her husband Carl who later became an RN and worked at St. Michaels hospital as well.

Living in Stevens Point, Carl and Patty had a son Andrew, and a daughter Julie. After the death of their son Andy, they moved to Minocqua, Wis. where they were both employed by the Marshfield Clinic.

Patty was a warm loving soul with a witty dry sense of humor. She touched the lives of many around her and was greatly loved by all her colleagues, friends, and family.

She loved to read, shop, buy presents for her granddaughters, and go on road trips with Carl. Anyone who went shopping with Patty knew she would shop until they dropped! Nobody could keep up with her love for shopping!

She is survived by her husband, Carl; daughter, Julie (Chad) Christensen; granddaughters, Nora, Natalie and Ellie; sister, Cathie; brother, Timothy; as well as nieces and nephews.

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

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NORTHLAND PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

(One week 3/5/25)

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

February 11, 2025

Board President Jennifer Payne called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Present for the Board of Education: Jennifer Payne, Chris Petreikis, Chelsea Romaker, and Nick Seeger. Board members absent: Erica Lane, Becky Nordine, and Kelly Roach. Motion by Chris Petreikis, seconded by Nick Seeger, to approve the Agenda. Voice Vote – Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jennifer Payne, seconded by Chelsea Romaker, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(a), (f) and (g) as well as 120.13(1)(c), for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Jennifer Payne Aye
Chris Petreikis Aye
Chelsea Romaker Aye
Nick Seeger Aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Chris Petreikis, seconded by Nick Seeger, to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Jennifer Payne Aye
Chris Petreikis Aye
Chelsea Romaker Aye
Nick Seeger Aye

Motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Payne, seconded by Chris Petreikis, to adjourn. Voice Vote – Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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NORTHLAND PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

(One week 3/5/25)

Regular Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 27, 2025

Opening of Meeting at 6:00 pm

Call to Order: The Regular Board Meeting of the Northland Pines Board of Education was called to order by Jennifer Payne, Board President, on Monday, January 27, 2025, at six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.) in the Northland Pines Middle and High School Large Group Instruction Room, Eagle River, Wisconsin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Note: This meeting was streamed live via the district's YouTube site.

Roll Call, Establish a Quorum

Attending:

1. Erica Lane, Board Clerk
2. Jennifer Payne, Board President
3. Chris Petreikis, Board Vice President
4. Kelly Roach, Board Member
5. Chelsea Romaker, Board Deputy Clerk
6. Nick Seeger, Board Member

Absent/Excused:

1. Becky Nordine, Board Treasurer

Also present were the following:

Scott Foster, District Administrator

2. Emily Rhode, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services
3. Gretchen Smart-Hall, Principal, Eagle River Elementary School
4. Sue McKay, Director of Teaching & Learning
5. Ryan Tienhaara, Assistant Principal, Middle & High School
6. Tony Duffek, Principal, St. Germain Elementary & Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center
7. Carle Nordine, Principal, Land O'Lakes Elementary & SOAR Middle School
8. Harlan Leusink, Principal, SOAR High School & Technology Director
9. Dave Bohnen, Building & Grounds Director
10. Ashley Heid, Social Media & Public Relations Specialist
11. Susie Block, Executive Assistant to the District Administrator & Board of Education

There were three (3) citizens in attendance.

Open Meeting Verification: Jennifer Payne announced the meeting had been duly called. Meeting notices were sent to the following locations: Northland Pines Middle School & High School in Eagle River; Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O'Lakes and St.

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German; Vilas County Courthouse - Eagle River; Eagle River City Hall; Vilas County News Review-Eagle River; WERL/WRJO Radio Station-Eagle River.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Chris Petreikis to approve the agenda as presented and leave the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Presentation – no action was taken: Director of Pupil Services & Special Education Emily Rhode and staff members Michelle Paape, Gretchen Smart-Hall, Jennifer Leslie and Mary Laszczkowski presented a report on the District's Social Emotional Learning Curriculum "Character Strong & Purposeful People" which the Board approved and the District began using in 2024-2025. The report was shared in BoardDocs for the public to view.

Public Participation Section of the Meeting: There were no public comments.

Board Committee minutes – no action was taken:

Written minutes of board committee meetings were shared in BoardDocs for the public to view.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Erica Lane to approve all items contained in the consent agenda. Following is a list of the items contained in the consent agenda:

1. To dispense with the reading of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024, and approve the meeting minutes and closed session minutes, as presented.

2. To approve the issue of a co-curricular contract for Head Girls' Soccer Coach to Mark Pinski.

3. To approve the payment of all district wide checks pursuant to the summary check register of 12/16/24 - 01/15/25 in the amount of \$914,311.45, as presented.

4. To approve the Open Enrollment IN applications for Students #14 through #17; and further, to approve Open Enrollment OUT applications for Students #28 through #34, all to be effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

5. To approve the Gymnastics Co-op agreement between the Northland Pines School District and Lakeland Union High School for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons, as presented.

6. First Review: Drafts of updated contracts with the Charter Governance Board for SOAR High School and Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center.

Second by Nick Seeger. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Discussion & Action Items:

Determination of number of regular and special education spaces: Motion by Jennifer Payne to approve the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment Space Determinations document as presented and to direct administration to maintain a copy of the document with the minutes of the January 27, 2025, board meeting. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

2023-2024 Audit: Motion by Erica Lane to acknowledge receipt of the audit and financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2024. Second by Chris Petreikis. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Referendum Update: DA Foster updated the Board on the community presentation meetings being held throughout the District, noting the third referendum informational presentation will be held in St. Germain on Thursday, January 30th at 6:30 p.m. and the last one will be held in Eagle River at Walter Olson library on February 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Inflation Reduction Act Funds for Solar – no action was taken: DA Foster reported that Northland Pines has received a refund check from the IRS under the Inflation Reduction Act for \$111,375.00 for the solar installed at the St. Germain Elementary School. It was noted this refund reduces the total cost for the St. Germain solar project down to approximately \$35,621.00. The new payback for this project is approximately 5.9 years; the initial payback projection was 13 years. DA Foster gave full credit and commended Building & Grounds Director Dave Bohnen for this refund check, noting that Director Bohnen

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had to complete an enormous amount of paperwork and provide proof of many items before the IRS approved the issue of the refund check.

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities: Motion by Chris Petreikis to approve rescinding Policy 2264 "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities", in its entirety, and revising Policy 2266 (same policy name) to remove all August 1, 2024, references, pursuant to the January 9, 2025, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky decision to vacate the 2024 Title IX regulations, noting the vacatur applies nationwide, meaning the 2020 Title IX rule and Title IX regulations are in effect [Policy 2266]. Second by Jennifer Payne. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Update on Inclement Weather Guidelines – no action was taken: DA Foster updated the Board as a reminder of our 2024-2025 Inclement Weather Guidelines that, now that we have had two Inclement Weather Days due to extreme cold temperatures, if we have any more of them this school year, then students in grades 7-12 will have digital learning days. Note: Our elementary buildings were open those two days and there was adult supervision in case parents needed to drop their children off at the buildings.

Written Reports – no action was taken:

- Administrative reports were shared in BoardDocs for the public to view.
- School Resource Officers' reports were shared in BoardDocs for the public to view.

District Administrator's report – no action was taken: DA Foster reported on the following topics:

- Musical dates in February for "Something Rotten" – Middle and High School Auditorium
 - Friday, February 14th – 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, February 15th – 7:00 p.m.
 - Sunday, February 16th – 2:00 p.m.
- Article on Reading
- Dept. of Public Instruction State Superintendent Primary election February 18, 2025

Closed Session: Motion by Jennifer Payne to convene in Closed Session pursuant to: 1. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to consider the renewal of Administrator Contracts; 2. to discuss two certified staff members' contracts and resignations, one of which involves liquidated damages. Second by Chris Petreikis. Roll call vote: Erica Lane, yes; Nick Seeger, yes; Chelsea Romaker, yes; Jennifer Payne, yes; Kelly Roach, yes; Chris Petreikis, yes. Motion carried.

Reconvene to open session: Motion by Jennifer Payne to reconvene to open session to take such action as is deemed appropriate following consideration given in closed session. Second by Chris Petreikis. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Actions taken after reconvening Resignations:

1. Motion by Chris Petreikis to approve accepting the resignation of Virginia Charles effective January 17, 2024, and to assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$3,437.50 per contract, as presented. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Chris Petreikis to approve accepting the resignation of Renee Fait, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Note: Chris Petreikis, Board Vice President, requested a report with information on employee retention, pay, benefits and a resignation(s) overview.

Administrators' contracts:

1. Motion by Jennifer Payne to approve the issue of 2025-2027 administrative contracts and 2025-2026 compensation to the following as presented: Dave Bohnen, Tony Duffek, Neal Eklund, Harlan Leusink, Dr. Daniel Marlen, Emily Rhode, Ryan Tienhaara, Anthony Zayia, and Scott Foster as District Administrator; and further, to authorize and direct the Board President & Board Clerk to sign these contracts. Second by Chris Petreikis. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

2. Motion by Jennifer Payne to approve the 2025-2026 compensation as presented to the following administrators: Tera Fritz, Carle Nordine, Gretchen Smart-Hall, Brooke Johnson, Sue McKay; and further, to authorize and direct the District Administrator to sign these compensation letters on behalf of the Board. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Chelsea Romaker to adjourn. Second by Nick Seeger. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susie Block

Executive Assistant to the District Administrator & Board of Education

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3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 30, 2025.

5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

/s/Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
February 11, 2025

Attorney Ryan J. Long
Sturgul & Long, S.C.
312 Silver St.
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(715) 561-4600
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VILAS COUNTY

(Three weeks 3/5-3/19/25)

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 25CV28

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF
Janice Ruth Lewis
By (Petitioner) Janice Ruth Lewis
Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Janice Ruth Lewis
To: Janice Ruth Gow
Birth Certificate: Janice Ruth Gow

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Vilas County, State of Wisconsin.
Judge's Name: Martha J. Milanowski
Place: Vilas County Courthouse, #1 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI 54521
Date: April 2, 2025
Time: 8:30 am

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Vilas County News-Review, a newspaper published in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin.

/s/ Martha J. Milanowski
Circuit Court
Judge/Court Commissioner
February 21, 2025

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Notice To Creditors

VILAS COUNTY

(Three weeks 2/26-3/12/25)

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY
-PROBATE-

Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 25PR6

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
FREDERICK C. SCHULTZ
DOD: 1/29/2025

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 10/19/1953 and date of death 1/29/2025 was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 195, Boulder Junction, WI 54512.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Branch 2, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Daniel L. Overbey, on 4/3/2025 at 10:30 AM.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 30, 2025.

3. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room - Office of Register in Probate.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.

5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-479-3632 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

/s/ Daniel L. Overbey
Circuit Court Judge, Branch 2
February 20, 2025

☒ Please check with person named below for exact time and date.
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Aspirus Health recommends cardiac rehab for healing hearts

Aspirus Health says that those living with heart disease, such as heart attacks, or who have recently had heart surgery, can turn to Aspirus' cardiopulmonary rehabilitation team for help.

“Cardiopulmonary rehab, or cardiac rehab, is a medically supervised program designed to help patients with heart and lung problems improve their physical conditioning and learn ways to better their lifestyle,” said Ashley Haas, a Cardiac Rehab Nurse with Aspirus Health. “A typical program lasts 12-18 weeks and during the classes, participants exercise to get stronger, receive heart-healthy education, nutrition, counseling and support.”

Haas adds that the program provides a supervised exercise program, but also focuses on life at home with a goal of instilling good habits that can have a positive impact on participants' health, including mental health and smoking cessation if needed.

“One of the advantages of any cardiac rehab program is the safety aspect of the supervised program,” said Haas. “We are sure to monitor heart rhythm, blood pressure, and heart rate to make sure they stay safe.”

She adds that each program is individually designed for each patient and starts at a pace that is comfortable for them.

“We start slow and gradually increase as the program progresses,” said Haas. “We have had people who start the program with a walker and can barely make it into the department from their vehicle without using a walker or having to sit down and take a break. By the time they are done with the program, some no longer need to use the walker and have so much energy.”

Cardiac rehab requires a physician referral and is typically recommended for people who have experienced, or are at risk of, heart-related conditions. Those likely to participate in a cardiac rehabilitation program include individuals who have:

- Had a heart attack, especially within the last 12 months.
- Undergone heart surgery, such as coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), valve replacement/repair, or heart transplant.
- Had a coronary angioplasty or stent placement to open blocked or narrowed arteries.
- Been diagnosed with heart failure, particularly those with reduced ejection fraction.
- Experienced angina (chest pain), particularly if it is a symptom of coronary artery disease.

For more information about cardiac rehab at Aspirus visit [aspirus.org/cardiac-rehab](https://www.aspirus.org/cardiac-rehab).

REAL ESTATE

Feb. 20, 2025

Jerome A. and Ardyas A. Shinkay Revocable Trust and Trustee Sean Shinkay to Superior Income Trust 11/11/21, Trustee Scott D. Schoeler and Trustee Mary J. Schoeler, NE SW and NW SW in 10-40-4, \$144.

Ryli N. Dishno and Ryli N.Stauffacher to Mason L. Hogenmiller and Maleea Eggleston, SE SW in 22-41-10, \$960.

John A. Starich and Patricia L. Starich to Stephen T. Hamborg, lots C and 13-15 in block 5 of plat 276 in Rockwood Estates North Div. #2, \$109.50.

Feb. 21, 2025

Joseph J. Bresnahan to Michael T. Riedel and Jacqueline Riedel, unit 2 of plat 867 in Eagle Estates XV Condominium, \$705.

Bradley Cole to Grace Place LVD LLC, gov lot 1 in 3-42-11, \$1,717.50.

Trustee John C. Berger, Berger Trust and FBO John Christian Berger to Phillip Tate, gov lot 3 in 35-40-9, \$675.

Kenneth D. Kennedy to GPS INC, unit 51 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$60.

GPS INC to Brian R. Durst and Meghan G. Durst, unit 43 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$60.

Brian R. Durst and Meghan G. Durst to GPS INC, unit 49 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$60.

GPS INC to Janelle Slavick, unit 49 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$60.

Janelle Slavick to GPS INC, unit 50 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$60.

Feb. 24, 2025

William E. Curran Sr. Trust, Joyce Curran Trust, Trustee Edward J. Halper and Trustee Joyce Curran, gov lot 5 in 18-41-5, \$315.

Feb. 25, 2025

Brent R. Martin and POA Juliana Martin to John T. Radig and Theresa M. Radig, NE SW in 6-39-10, \$375.

Feb. 26, 2025

Mary M. Jaeger and POA Peter J. Jaeger to Gustafson Revocable Trust 07/31/14, lots 44-45 in block 1 of plat 222 in Oliver Park, \$2,538.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Anvil Lake Association (ALA) intends to apply for a permit to apply herbicide to approximately 12.5 acres of Anvil Lake to control excessive growth of invasive aquatic plants (Eurasian watermilfoil). Aquatic Plant Management LLC will conduct an application of aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR (florpyrauxifen-benzyl) to select areas of the lake in the spring of 2025 after a permit for treatment is obtained from the WDNR. There are no drinking water or recreational use restrictions, including swimming and fishing, and no restrictions on irrigating turf. ALA will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed treatment if five (5) or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one in writing. The person or entity requesting the meeting shall state a specific agenda of topics including problems and alternatives to be discussed. The request for a public informational meeting must be sent in writing to Amy Kuhns, 2130 Middlefork Rd., Northfield. IL 60093, with a copy to Scott Van Egeren, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, Rhinelander, WI 54501, within five (5) days after public notice is published.

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ANNUAL REPORT of the Vilas Count Agricultural Society			
for the year 2024 _____ which is made in accordance with the provisions of State Law. The State Aid Law requires that this be filed on or before December 31 of the calendar year in which the fair is held.			
Receipts		Disbursements	
Administrative income	\$5,616.07	Administrative Expense	\$11,241.83
Aid State		All Federal Taxes	
Aid County and Other Government		All State Taxes	
Advertisement	\$2,500.00	Salaries and Cost for Service	\$4,792.43
Gate Receipts (Include Parking)	\$5,447.50	Officers' Salaries and Expenses	\$18,894.23
Grandstand (Include Tax)		Superintendents Assistants	\$4,117.50
Space, Privileges, Rides, Shows and Utilities Sold	\$34,090.00	Judges	\$1,134.20
Contest Entry Fees	\$0.00	Premiums	
Fair Operated Concessions	\$25,700.00	Supplies, Ribbons and Trophies	\$0.00
Stall and Pen Fees		Printing Premium Books and Programs	\$1,718.00
Exhibitor Entry Fees		Advertising	\$3,295.33
Gifts		Association Dues and Memberships	\$450.00
Loans		Insurance	\$2,296.00
Use of Grounds Rentals (Non-Fair Income)	10,605.00	Utilities	\$8,303.52
Miscellaneous (Itemize Items Over \$500)		Rental of Equipment	
		Special Acts, Features and Contests	\$9,374.18
		Fair Operated Concessions	\$7,241.98
		Maintenance, Building and Grounds	\$7,001.43
		Plant and Equipment (Permanent)	\$0.00
		Interest on Loans	
		Repayment of Loans	
		Miscellaneous (Itemize Items Over \$500)	
		Building Fund	
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Total Miscellaneous	\$83,958.57	Total Miscellaneous	\$79,860.63
Total Receipts	\$25,921.40	Cash on Hand	\$30,019.34
Cash on Hand Last Report		Total Disbursement	\$109,879.97
Total	\$109,879.97	Total	
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NEWS



FALLEN KINGDOM — The remains of the Eagle River ice castle left over in the railroad depot parking lot after its demolition the afternoon of Monday, Feb. 24. The castle was first built in early January, and was taken down by the Eagle River Fire Department in preparation for warmer temperatures later in the week. — Staff Photo By JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN

DNR advises ATV/UTV riders to be aware of ice conditions

As many make plans for late-season shanty removal from frozen waterbodies, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges ATV/UTV riders to be extra careful when traveling on the ice. Temperature swings in late winter lead to weak ice. Local resources are the best source for ice conditions in your area. This includes bait shops, clubs, outfitters and recovery services. Many businesses and clubs also regularly post social media updates with changes in ice conditions.

If possible, drivers should not travel alone, be sure to bring a spud bar, and check the ice as they go.

“This season has really shown us the unpredictable nature of ice and the fact that conditions are constantly changing,” said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, DNR warden off-highway vehicle administrator. “Make sure to utilize the local resources available to you, and if you don’t know, don’t go.”

Even when precautions are taken, no ice is completely safe. Drivers should equip themselves with self-rescue tools such as ice picks, a float coat or life jacket, and consider adding a rescue rope to their kit.



Lake ice becomes more unreliable and dangerous as temperatures fluctuate between above and below freezing. — Contributed Photo

Here are more safety tips:

- Remember, UTVs are heavy. They are the heaviest recreational vehicle out on the ice, often being close to 3,000 pounds. This is similar to a car or truck.
- Have a plan in the event of going through the ice.
- Roll windows down when traveling on the ice and make sure doors can be easily opened — drive slow and turn the radio down to use eyes and ears to watch and hear for potential issues coming up.
- Make sure to have life jackets or some other type of flotation for every occupant of the

- UTV.
- Recovery for the UTV or other vehicle is the responsibility of the owner/operator. After 30 days, the owner can be fined each day after 30 days. Recovery rates for the machine can also be very expensive.
- This may not be the year to explore new locations. Stick to known areas that typically have better ice conditions.
- The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Local fishing clubs, outfitters and bait shops are the best sources for local current ice conditions.
- Never consume alcohol

or drugs before or during a ride.

- Carry a cell phone, and let people know of travel locations and return times.
- Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

There are many factors that contribute to the structural integrity of ice. Visit the DNR’s Ice Safety webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/IceSafety for more information on staying safe on frozen waterbodies.

Paddle

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docks on Mud Creek.

Event organizer Michele Bach of Wildwood Adventures expressed their excitement at the announcement of Trig’s involvement, saying, “We are honored to have Trig’s join us in this effort to support Feed Our Rural Kids. We see the involvement of such a community leader as validation of this event and FORK as an organization.”

Also sponsoring the event are Redman Realty Group, Forward Bank in St. Germain, and WRJO Radio.

The Bach family created the event to draw attention to the food insecurity faced by many children in the North Woods, as well as working to feed those kids.

“This is a great idea that Nicole and Jason Bach presented to FORK,” offered FORK President Perry Pokrandt. “We

are humbled that so many great people have come together to support the kids in this way. So, thank you to Wildwood Adventures and each of the event’s sponsors!”

Registration is now being taken and will be limited to the first 210 paddlers. Individuals can bring their own boat or rent a canoe, kayak or standup paddleboard (SUP) from Wildwood.

The cost for a participant to bring their own boat is \$45. All proceeds benefit FORK. To register for a preferred launch time, call 715-360-3200.

“Discounted boat rentals will be available,” added Bach. “We will also be hosting a post-paddle party at Wildwood Campground that will include free food and drink, with an event logo dry bag for paddlers, and will feature music by Bret and Frisk.

More information about the event can be found by visiting FeedOurRuralKids.org/Charity-Paddle.

Bank

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time, for the longevity of Three Lakes, the town needs to support its local financial institutions. As a long-time voter and taxpayer, I believe we should focus on building strong relationships with

banks that are dedicated to serving this community for the long term.”

“While Laona State Bank’s departure is a setback, it’s not the end of banking in Three Lakes. Forward Bank is already here, already serving the community, and actively working to expand its services,” Fritz stressed. Laona State Bank leased

the former BMO Harris Bank on Superior Street about three years ago, after both BMO and Nicolet National Bank closed their branches here.

Ted Ison, president of Laona State Bank, announced two weeks ago that the bank’s Three Lakes branch will close on May 16. Though he called it a “difficult decision”

for the board of directors, no specific details were provided for why the decision was made.

Brisk has been critical of the bank for not promoting its commercial or mortgage lending services, which, if more profitable, might have resulted in a different decision from the board of directors.

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NEWS



Braywood recently donated \$1,250 to the Northland Pines girls hockey team in support of building a new girls locker room, which is set to break ground in mid-April. The donated funds consisted of 15% of food and beverage proceeds from Feb. 14 - Feb. 16. —Contributed Photo

Eagle River girls hockey locker room fundraiser passes \$100,000 milestone

Fundraising efforts continue with local business support

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Following recent local support and raising \$6,000 during Pond Hockey weekend Feb. 7-9, the Friends of Eagle River Girls Hockey have surpassed \$100,000 in their effort to build a dedicated girls

locker room. Support from local businesses continues as Parsons of Eagle River has pledged \$1 from every oil change in February to the fundraiser, and Braywood contributed 15% of food and beverage proceeds over the weekend of Feb. 14 - Feb. 16, recently presenting a \$1,250 check to the Northland Pines High School girls hockey team. Once completed, the new locker room will provide a dedicated space for female hockey players from Northland Pines, Antigo, Bessemer, Hurley, Ironwood, Lakeland,

Rhinelander, Three Lakes, Wakefield-Marenisco, Norway and Wabeno. With so many communities relying on this rink, the Eagle River Recreation Association (ERRA) says the need for proper facilities has never been greater. “It has been amazing to see so many individuals selflessly step up to support this mission,” said Abbey Gatlin, Co-Chair of the Friends of Eagle River Girls Hockey fundraising committee. “The Pines and youth girls have really stepped up, especially over Pond Hockey weekend, to keep giving this mission

gas. Seeing businesses like Parsons and Braywood come up with clever ways to give back is incredible, and we’d love to see more businesses join this amazing force and cause.” With the goal of breaking ground by mid-April (weather permitting), the ERRA says that now is the time for businesses and individuals to contribute. The project still requires approximately \$225,000 to be fully funded. **Donations will support:** • Excavation and Site Preparation

- Permits and Approvals
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 - Concrete Foundation
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 - Labor Costs
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 - Playmakers: \$5,000
 - Team Powerhouse: \$7,500-\$10,000
 - Legends: \$15,000-\$20,000

• Game Changers: Contractors donating labor and/or materials. “This is not just a tax-deductible donation; it’s a chance to create something lasting for our Lady Eagles,” said Gatlin. “It’s about time we provide a space that fully supports our girls and completes our hockey community.” All funds are securely managed in a dedicated account and will be used exclusively for this project. To donate or learn more, email 100powerplay@gmail.com or visit ERRA.com.



More than 30 area businesses are taking part in the Bucket Brigade to collect funds for the Hernandez family. Donations can include money, grocery or gas cards to help the family cover basic living expenses and travel costs for treatments. —Contributed Photo

Support

FROM PAGE 1

to social media to share her story. That Facebook post was seen by Ginny Evans, also of Eagle River, who was spurred into action to help the family in any way she could. Now, that would be an understandable action by a family friend or relative — but Evans has never actually met the Hernandezes. “I saw the post and got involved and started a ‘Bucket Brigade’ as I call it,” Evans said. “I voluntarily made a sign/banner for the family and volunteered to start distributing as they needed.” Evans started buying and covering buckets with

signage and distributing them to local businesses as people requested them. Her efforts took flight Feb. 18, and by Feb. 27 there were more than 30 restaurants, shops and businesses in the Eagle River area that were collecting donations through the Bucket Brigade. And that number has continued to grow as more community members learn about the brigade. Evans explained that she is always on the hunt for what she calls “do-goodery,” often looking for ways to help complete strangers who are down on their luck. “Helping others really brings me happiness. It feels good to give back,” she said. Although the Hernandez family has never met Evans, Becky said there are truly no words to express their gratitude. “Her kindness, generosity and support came out of nowhere! I put a post on Vilas County Community asking for suggestions on ways to help raise money for our family, and within several hours, Ginny reached out and started the Bucket Brigade!” Becky noted that the community support has been overwhelming. “Our family has always tried to do the right thing, help others when we’re able, and support our friends and family in any way possible. It’s been extremely surprising how many people and businesses want to give a helping hand! People we’ve never met, offering help,” she said. “The outpouring of love, support, donations and prayers from not only people that we love but complete strangers is completely phenomenal and we couldn’t be more grateful. It’s so unbelievably humbling. We will never be able to thank everyone for everything that y’all are doing!” Although they have been in email and phone communication, Evans has not yet been able to meet the Hernandez family face to face — something she hopes to remedy soon.

Ongoing contributions Unable to work since Feb. 9, any funds collected are going to help the Hernandezes pay for the basic cost of living as well as travel expenses related to Keith’s treatment. Beyond monetary donations and being part of the Bucket Brigade, local businesses have stepped up to offer whatever help they can to the family. One of those establishments is Roots Juice Bar, located on Wall Street in Eagle River, which is donating fresh-squeezed, organic juices to Keith during his chemotherapy treatments. Michelle Tameling of The Rowdy Roost — another person who the Hernandezes have never met — not only delivered groceries to the family’s home the morning they returned from Wausau Hospital, but also opened up her farm stand, located on Highway 45 South, to collect donations for the family. “This community is absolutely beautiful!” Becky exclaimed. D&S Mobil gas station and small engine repair shop in Eagle River has a fundraiser in the works to collect money to go toward fuel and vehicle repairs, and Becky is in talks with the owner of The Last Cast Bar and Grill to plan a benefit for the family at a future date. Becky is also waiting to hear from other local organizations that are looking to lend aid. Anyone who would like to donate to the Hernandez family can do so by dropping money, grocery or gas gift cards in any of the numerous Bucket Brigade collection bins at many local businesses. There also is an account set up for the family at Nicolet Bank in Eagle River. Funds are also being collected through Becky’s Go Fund Me page at gofundme.com/f/mtjv2-support-the-hernandez-family. “We’ve never needed to ask for help, so this is all very new, but we realized that we can’t do it alone,” Becky said. “And the community has made it very evident that we’re not alone!”

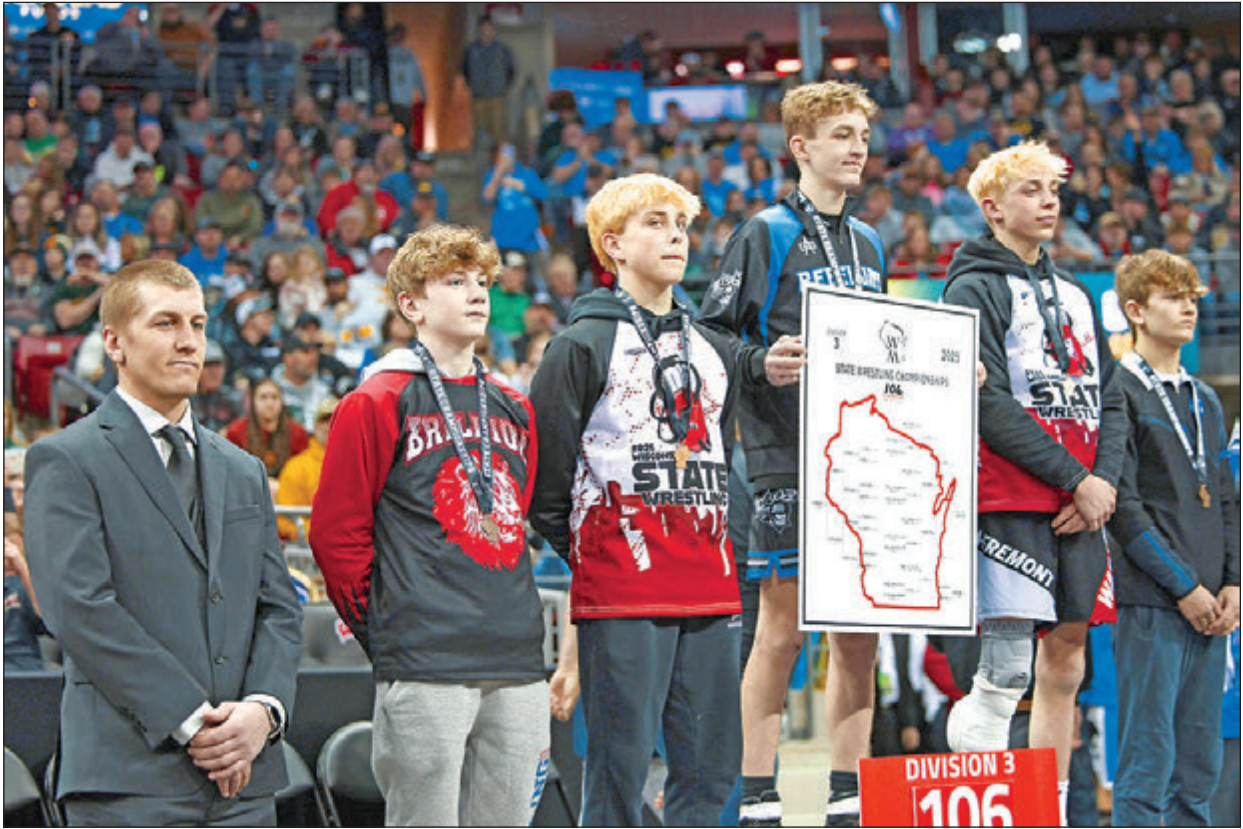
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	Business Name	Contact	Items	Dropped	Amount Collected
1	KaigStand	Karen	1 bucket	X	
2	Roots **is providing juice daily to Keith	Cortnee	1 bucket	X	
3	Bucktail	Kurt Schels	2 buckets	X	
4	Eagle Sports	Trista Langley-Tyler	1 bucket	X	
5	ER Pet Company	Ryli Nicole	1 bucket	X	
6	Daily Grind	Christina Skarda	1 bucket	X	
7	Splash Soap Co.	Yola & Art	1 bucket	X	
8	Country Store	Kayla Mathisen	1 bucket	X	
9	Nutty Squirrel	Dawn Olderman	1 bucket	X	
10	Eagle Waters	Lisa Lang-Faust	2 buckets	X	
11	Lucy's Lunchbox	Karen McKendry	1 bucket	X	
12	Northwoods Child Development Center	Teri Bruck Mason	1 bucket	X	
13	Zen Boutique	Lori Philomena	1 bucket	X	
14	JJ's House of Dogs	Missy Madl	1 bucket	X	
15	Shepherd's Wool	Teri	1 bucket	X	
16	Botox Beauty Spa	Kirsten Fleming	1 bucket	X	
17	Wall Street Pharmacy	Larry	1 bucket	X	
18	Friendship House	Julia	1 bucket	X	
19	Shotski's		1 bucket & 1 flyer	X	
20	Eagle Baking Company		1 bucket	X	
21	Erin's Pub & Grub		1 bucket	X	
22	Eagle River Roasters		1 bucket	X	
23	Riverstone Brewing Company	Olivia	1 bucket & 1 flyer	X	
24	Sweetwater		2 buckets	X	
25	Tribute Brewing Company		3 buckets & 1 flyer	X	wants 6-8 table tents
26	Bortolotti's Cin Cin (after May 6th)		1 bucket & ??flyer		
27	Energy Mart		1 flyer	X	
28	Burnt Bridge Tavern		1 bucket & 3 flyers	X	
29	Toad in the Hole		1 flyer	X	
30	The Heid Out		2 buckets & 2 flyers	X	
31	Kickback Grill		2 buckets & 1 flyer	X	
32	Last Cast Bar & Grill		1 bucket & 1 flyer	X	Will be hosting a fundraiser- date unknown
33	The Timbers Bar & Grill		1 bucket & 1 flyer		
34	Buckhots	BreeAnna	1 bucket & 1 flyer	X	
35	Legacy Floors		1 bucket & 1 flyer		

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Sports



Reegan Roy stands at the top of the podium after winning the individual state championship in the D3, 106 pound bracket at the Kohl Center in Madison last weekend. —Photos By William Zuelke

Roy sweeps 106 lb. bracket; wins state wrestling championship

BY WILLIAM ZUELKE
CORRESPONDENT

Sophomore wrestler Reegan Roy of the Wabeno-Laona-Three Lakes varsity wrestling team took home the top prize in his 106-pound weight bracket by defeating three highly ranked competitors during the 2025 WIAA D3 Individual State Wrestling Tournament last week at the Kohl Center of UW-Madison. The championship win capped an exciting season for Roy, who won several major tournaments while leading the Rebel Jays with 56 total match victories.

Roy was joined on the mats in Madison by freshman teammate Ryker Schingeck, who came within a match win of taking his own podium spot at 120 pounds in his first trip to the prestigious three-day event. The two grapplers were led mat-side by co-head coaches Seth Senter and Colin Schubert, and were supported by a large contingent of teammates, parents, friends, and by assistant coaches John Fink and Dan Moravec. Hundreds of wrestlers from schools throughout the state competed in front of daily crowds, at times reaching 15,000 fans.

“This was a great day for Reegan,” coach Schubert said after the championship match. “It was also a great day for our extended communities. There are so many supporters of this team, and the collective effort and energy by the wrestlers, coaching staff, and parents played an important role this season in maintaining a winning environment.”

As for the wrestling performance of Roy, Schubert added, “When



Rebel Jays freshman Ryker Schingeck, left, faces Martez Sheard in a consolation semifinal match last week at the state wrestling tournament.

people watch Reegan wrestle, they can see his physical skills on display as he dominates opponents, but what really makes him a true champion is his intelligence and mental toughness combined with his physical gifts. And even with this state title under his belt, stay tuned because Reegan is not done yet.”

Senter had similar sentiments about the new state champion.

“Reegan is a winner during competitions and also during preparation,” he said. “We just had a week of practice where coach Schubert and I worked with him on takedown moves and sharpening offensive tactics. This kid responds so well to coaching and then he just gets on the mat and executes.”

“It was also pretty nice,” Senter continued, “to have the best seat in the house watching these two athletes reach for their dreams with everything they have. Nothing was left on the mat during this tournament. It was very impressive, especially considering the

special atmosphere at this arena.”

Roy began his championship path with a major decision quarterfinal win against Zander Mueller of Brillion High School on Thursday, followed by an exciting 4-1 sudden victory against Taylor Underwood of Marathon on Friday. He then finished the tournament Saturday evening with a title bout against the number one seed at 106 pounds, Jayden Le Noble of Weyauwega-Fremont, winning by a 2-1 decision.

Following a scoreless first round, Roy earned two points during an early second-period takedown and held on for the win. While the score was close, Roy was dominating during most of the match, smothering Le Noble with his offensive maneuvers amid loud cheers from the capacity crowd.

After the championship match, Roy ran to his older brother Ryan for a long celebratory embrace and then proceeded to climb into the public seating

area to a welcoming swarm of family, coaches, and friends. The older Roy, who is a volunteer team coach, placed second at this event two years ago, while the younger (Reegan) Roy is the first individual state champion in any sport to come out of the Wabeno School District.

While Schingeck did not place in the tournament, his weekend was highlighted by a 4-0 decision victory on Saturday over Riley Scherg of Weyauwega-Fremont in the first consolation round. This was a payback win for Schingeck after losing a first-place match to Scherg in the sectional tournament two weeks ago in Valders.

According to Schubert, who was a D2 state champion 12 years ago, Schingeck and the other young wrestlers on the Rebel Jays team will benefit from this tournament.

“The state title for Reegan helps plant seeds in others aspiring to be winners which is good for the continued success of this program.”



Sideline Scoop

BY JACOB HEID

Falcons defend the River Cup

Last year, the Eagle River Falcons needed overtime and a shootout to determine whether they would take home the River Cup in the two-game series against the Mosinee Papermakers. However, the Falcons made it much easier this season, sweeping the weekend series 6-3 in Eagle River last Friday night and 6-4 Saturday night in Mosinee to defend the cup.

This long-time rivalry has brought fans from both teams to games to cheer on their fellow community members. The same went for this past weekend as I attended Friday night’s series opening game.

You knew from the get-go that the game meant something as the physicality began to intensify as time went on.

The visiting Papermakers got on the board first early, with a goal just under two minutes into that game that sort of deflated the home crowd. Eagle River slowly got things rolling offensively as it found some quality opportunities at the net that Mosinee shut down.

Todd Koritzinsky netted his 23rd goal of the year to fire up the home crowd late in the first period, which tied things at 1-1.

Great hockey continued as four goals were scored in the second period. Mosinee grabbed the lead again early, but Eagle River answered right back about a minute later with a tally by Mitch Idalski.

It ended up being a 3-3 game after two periods of play as Layne Roeser tied things up with 2:36 left to play in the period.

From there, Eagle River dominated the third period with a 20-6 shot advantage, 49-25 overall, and the physicality finally broke loose as Zach Kennedy got the fans going with a fight win against Mosinee’s Max Culp. Three unanswered goals by Zach Maillette, Kennedy and Devin Sauvola put the game to rest as goaltender Mike Madosh put the stamp on the night with six saves in the final period to keep Eagle River up. As much as I thought there would be more fans in attendance, the environment was still a fun one as always.

The Falcons went on to score three third-period goals after another 3-3 tie after two periods to secure a win and the River Cup.

Eagle River sits in second place in the Great Lakes Hockey League with a 12-2 record and one shootout loss. It has 25 points behind the Portage Lake Pioneers, who have 27 points, while the Fond du Lac Bears sit in third with 24 points.

The team ends the regular season with three road games. Two are this weekend, March 7-8, at the Sun Prairie Killer Bees and the Dane County Dairy Kings. On Saturday, March 22, they will travel to the Fox Cities Ice Dogs.

Lady Eagles end season with regional loss at Amherst

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

It was the end of the road for the Northland Pines girls basketball team and first-year varsity head coach Jaclyn Halsey, as the No.10-seeded Lady Eagles fell to No. 7-seeded Amherst 54-23 in the regional quarterfinals Feb. 25.

It was a struggle offensively for Northland Pines in this one as the team got in a hole early and had only one point at halftime.

Amherst got out to an early 8-0 lead in the opening minutes of the win-or-go-home game on its home floor, later extending that lead to 14-0 with eight minutes left in the first half.

Pines followed that up with its first point of the game, a Natalie Kohn free throw, but it was held scoreless for the remaining 7:58 of the half and trailed 24-1.

The Eagles had some good looks that didn’t fall throughout the first half and the game in general.

“We just couldn’t get anything to go in the first half. Amherst played an aggressive 1-3-1, and we did not respond to their pressure well,” said Pines head coach Jaclyn Halsey.

“Amherst beat us up in the post, and even with some great double teams, they still finished well at the rim.”

After crashing the offensive glass to open the second half, Kaydence Brost cashed in on a mid-range jumper for Pines’ first field goal two minutes into the second half. Senior Vienna Klemett hit a deep 3-pointer, and Rylee Darr punched in two to get the Eagles back to within 22, 30-8, with 14 minutes left in the game.

Amherst continued to move the ball and exploit the Eagles’ defense as it grew the lead back to 42-12 with six minutes remaining.

“I am proud of this team. What we have gone through this year was nothing I could have predicted this past fall,” explained Halsey on the team’s season. “They took it game by game, and whoever they had on the roster that night is what we got and they didn’t dwell or lose motivation; they poured their hearts out for each other instead.”

Northland Pines will lose just two seniors to graduation and will bring back a solid core of young players next season.

Windigo can’t capitalize in Minnesota finale, splits series

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

Offensive struggles plagued the Wisconsin Windigo in its 4-1 loss in the series finale at the Minnesota Wilderness, but not before salvaging a road series split after picking up a 5-2 victory the previous day.

The Windigo did not score a first-period goal in either game, as they trailed heading into the second period in both contests. However, they had plenty of chances, with 50 shots on net in the three-goal loss.

The Windigo still have a decent hold of first place

in the Midwest Division with 42 wins and 69 points. Anchorage and Fairbanks are tied for second place with 60 points.

“I was very pleased with our resilience on Friday. We kept battling back from some tough bounces and found a way to win. We didn’t give up, and I’m very proud of our guys for that,” said Windigo head coach John Mitchell. “That was a tough loss to take on Saturday. We outplayed them from start to finish. Give their goalie credit; he made save after save and gave his teammates the opportunity to steal the game.”

As the Windigo went for a series sweep on the road March 1, the home Wilderness had other plans. It was a 0-0 game for much of the first period before Minnesota beat Windigo goalie Beau Altman for a 1-0 lead at 13:07.

The Wilderness made it 2-0 in the late stages of the first, which wrapped up their best period of the night but would end up being enough. After facing 13 shots in the opening frame, Altman faced just 10 in the next two periods to the Windigo’s 36.

After sitting in a 2-0 hole for much of the middle period, Ben Aucoin finally

broke the scoreless drought to make it a 2-1 contest at 16:14 of the second.

That score would stay the same throughout all of the third period before the Windigo pulled Altman twice late in the third for an extra attacker, and Minnesota tacked on two empty net goals. The Wilderness had just three shots on net the whole third period, minus the two empty-net tallies.

Wisconsin finished the night with a 50-23 shot advantage in the loss, as Altman stopped 21 of the 23 shots.

Wisconsin had a much

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SPORTS

Lady Jays can't keep first half fire in regional loss to Pacelli

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

The 7-seeded Three Lakes/Phelps girls basketball team battled with 2-seeded Pacelli in the first half as both teams held leads before the home Cardinals ran away in the second to a 67-40 win in the regional semifinals in Stevens Point.

Pacelli went on to win the regional championship on Saturday evening by beating CWC-South foe, Pittsville.

Both sides got a feel for each other during the early stages of the game, as Three Lakes/Phelps held a slight 9-7 advantage with 11 minutes to play in the first half before extending that to a 15-10 lead a few minutes later.

"We came out again and played some excellent basketball," said head coach Rich Javenkoski. "We did a really nice job of playing defense."

The Lady Jays felt Pacelli's first counter punch of the game over the next handful of minutes as the Cardinals went on a 14-2 run to lead 24-17 with four minutes until halftime.

The counter punches continued as TL/P got back within two points, 24-22, before one final push by Pacelli kept the visitors scoreless over the final three minutes to take a 37-22 lead into the locker room.

"The turning point was a blocked shot and hustle play by Pacelli that led to a layup. That really ignited them. And then they started hitting their threes," stated Javenkoski.

Pacelli got the lead, up to 21 early in the second half, and maintained that lead the rest of the way by limiting any sort of run by the Bluejays.

"We as a team didn't play as well as I would have hoped, but we are doing things where I see the development and things clicking," explained Javenkoski on the season in general. "There's a lot of optimism moving forward with the players coming back and improving."

All of the roster will return for the Bluejays next season for revenge, according to the coaching staff, as there were no seniors on this season's roster.

Windigo

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better scoring output in the opening game in Minnesota than in the second, as it poured in four second-period goals in a Feb. 28 win.

Minnesota secured a 1-0 advantage late in the first period before Wisconsin retaliated early in the second. Hunter Hayes, of Lodi, tied things up at the 1:06 mark of the second. In a back-and-forth affair, the Wilderness answered two minutes later on a powerplay goal. The Windigo's Cashen Naeve scored unassisted while shorthanded at 10:06 to tie things at 2-2 before the Wilderness went ahead 3-2 at the 10:49 mark of the second.

Aucoin started a run of three unanswered goals as he netted what was his first of two goals on the weekend at 11:08 of period two. The momentum swung in a short period as the Windigo stayed aggressive shorthanded as Luke Baker made it 4-3

at 14:37 and Harper Frey extended the advantage to 5-3 early on in the third.

"Naeve and Baker turned the tide for us on Friday, with their shorties," said Mitchell about the aggressiveness while shorthanded.

The Windigo outshot the Wilderness 42-30 in the opening game, while Lucas Szyzka picked up his 23rd win of the year behind 27 saves.

"Szyzka had some huge saves in net, especially in the third period. He deserves a lot of credit for the win," stated Mitchell.

Wisconsin is back on home ice for the first of back-to-back home weekends, as these are the final two weekends at home before the playoffs. The Windigo take on the Chippewa Steel March 7-8, with both games at 7 p.m. The following weekend is the final home series as the Wilderness and Windigo meet again before Wisconsin hits the road for eight straight games to end the regular season.

Eagle boys edge Bluejays 50-48; host tournament game this Friday

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
CORRESPONDENT

For the second time this season, the Northland Pines boys basketball team defeated the Three Lakes Bluejays in a nonconference game at Eagle River last Thursday night.

The Eagles defeated the Bluejays 68-55 in the first game of the season back on Nov. 26, but this time around, the game was much closer as Pines edged Three Lakes 50-48.

It was a defensive battle, as Three Lakes led 14-10 with 8 minutes remaining in the first half, and the teams were tied at 25-25 at the intermission.

"In the first half, we did some nice things," said Pines coach Terry Klemett. "But their matchup zone defense was something we had not seen all year and it made us more patient. We defended fairly well at times, but it wasn't playoff intensity."

Three Lakes again played well early in the second half, taking a 39-35 lead at the 10-minute mark. Pines went on a 6-0 run to take a 41-39 lead and built a 50-43 advantage with 5:52 to play.



Northland Pines junior Jacob Beer cuts off a driving Owen Liebscher of Three Lakes during the first half of a tight 50-48 victory against the Bluejays last Thursday.

After a Three Lakes timeout, the Bluejays closed the gap to 50-48 with

3:30 to play in the game, but neither team scored the rest of the way.

"The second half we defended a lot better with more intensity and that was a key to the victory," said Klemett. "Give Three Lakes credit. They had players step up and make shots and make plays for them to get them back into the game late in the second half."

Pines was led by Mylo Albrecht with 16 points, followed by Jonathan Miller and Jack Albrecht with 12 apiece. A.J. Muench contributed eight rebounds and six assists. Pines shot 56% from the field and 36% from 3-point range.

With the victory, the Eagles finished the season 14-10 overall.

"Overall it was a playoff atmosphere and a good game to have before we play in the regionals," said Klemett. "A 14-10 overall record is a good season for our group. We have played some really tough competition and really had to grind in many games."

Pines will now prepare

–Staff Photos By JACOB HEID

for the WIAA Division 3 playoffs. The Eagles received a fourth seed in their 12-team Sectional bracket and will play a home game in the Regional semifinal this Friday, March 7, at 7 p.m. after receiving a first-round bye. Pines will play the winner of fifth-seeded Oconto Falls and 12th-seeded Clintonville. Those two teams played Tuesday, March 4.

"We will be prepared for Friday's semifinal and hope to play in another Regional championship game," said Klemett.

If the Eagles win the Regional semifinal, Pines will likely play top-seeded Freedom in the regional final on Saturday, March 8, at a time to be determined. Freedom must beat either eighth-seeded Peshtigo or ninth-seeded Sturgeon Bay in its semifinal.

The top two teams in the other bracket leading to the Sectional semifinal are second-seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood and third-seeded Seymour.



Sophomore Jack Albrecht fires a 3-point shot during the win versus Three Lakes.



Josh Graves recieved second-team all-GNC honors for his regular season performance.



Evrett Leslie stood strong in goal this season and received honorable mention honors within the GNC this season.

Graves, Leslie land on GNC all-con hockey teams

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Northland Pines boys hockey players, Josh Graves and Evrett Leslie, landed on the Great Northern Conference all-conference teams after they were announced Feb. 15.

Graves finished the season as a second-team all-conference recipient as a defenseman, while Leslie, the Pines' netminder, took honorable mention honors in his sophomore season.

Both players were all-

conference players last year as both took home honorable mention honors.

Like last year, Graves again led the team in points during the regular season with 33. He appeared in 20 games for Pines, with a team-high 20 goals, along with 13 assists. The junior defenseman had seven games with two or more goals this season, with four game-winning goals.

Graves played in the trenches in front of Leslie, but also led attacks up the ice with his stick handling.

Leslie finished the

regular season with a 91% save percentage, saving 448 of 492 shots faced. His save percentage improved from the 88% he had as a freshman last year.

Other all-conference selections throughout the conference include first-team selections Jonah Dickens, Austin Lamer and Brayden Lamer of Tomahawk; Mosinee's Aiden Karst and Tyler Baars; and Antigo's Owen Dickman.

(Austin) Lamer and Tomahawk coach Dewey Reilly won player and

coach of the year in the GNC.

Second-team selections besides Graves include Trevor Seliskar and Jett Reilly of Tomahawk, Elliot Yirkovsky of Mosinee, Antigo's Eli Kassler, and Lakeland's Aaron Wanta.

Honorable mentions include Lakeland's Cam Bernard, CJ Smith and Brent Olson; Tomahawk's Sawyer Hanna and Jake Albert; Mosinee's Marek Kijonka and Daniel DeCaluwe; along with Cael Prey of Waupaca and Zach Edyvean of Rhinelander.

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To everyone that made our 30th Annual Youth Basketball Tournament, that was held on March 1st, a huge success. 23 Teams of 5th-8th grade boys and girls participated, with medals awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams in each division.

Special thanks to Chairman Dave Goldsworthy and family, Rich Javenkoski, student volunteers, referees, scorekeepers and the Three Lakes School District. Proceeds go to the school's expanded wildlife display, scholarships, the school trap team and hunter's safety.

Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association

SPORTS



Northland Pines freshman Cooper Saari fires a shot on net during the Eagles' 6-3 defeat to the Tomahawk Hatchets in the sectional semifinal last Tuesday. -Staff Photos By JACOB HEID

Pines skates with top-ranked Tomahawk in 6-3 sectional loss

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

The final score wasn't indicative of how close the No. 4-seeded Northland Pines boys hockey team skated with the top-ranked team in D2, the Tomahawk Hatchets, in a 6-3 defeat in the sectional semifinals last Tuesday.

After two 6-0 losses in the regular season, Pines hung around for most of the night and nearly outshot the Hatchets at just a 33-26 margin, something Tomahawk dominated in the first two meetings.

"The boys never quit. That was one of the best games we've played offensively against a top-ranked team," said Pines head coach Zach Otto. "There was no shortage of scoring opportunities on our end. That was a major improvement for us. We just need to finish on those opportunities and clean up a few errors that led to the defeat."

The home Tomahawk crowd erupted early as star junior forward Jonah Dickens took advantage of a turnover just 33 seconds into the game and scored on the breakaway to make it 1-0. Dickens finished the night with four goals to propel the Hatchets to victory.

Pines answered relatively quickly on one of its many powerplay opportunities, having had nine on the night. Freshman Cooper Saari buried a rebound to the right of Tomahawk's Trevor Seliskar to knot things up at 1-1. The two sides skated hard to find opportunities, but both goaltenders stayed clean for the rest of the period until Dickens netted his second with 35 seconds left in the



It was a physical sectional semifinal game between Northland Pines and Tomahawk last week in Tomahawk. There were over 60 minutes of penalty time between the two teams.

first. It was a 2-1 game after one period and Tomahawk held a 12-5 shot advantage.

Pines came out with energy in the middle period and fired 15 shots on net.

Tomahawk's Jett Reilly fired a shot early in the second that was initially saved by Pines netminder Everett Leslie, but a second and third poke at the puck forced the puck across the goal line for a 3-1 advantage.

The Eagles would find an answer again nearly seven minutes later at 9:46 of the second. A lofted pass flew over the Tomahawk defensemen and found the streaking Peter Anderson through the neutral zone and beat Seliskar one-on-one to get back within a point, 3-2.

Dickens retaliated with his crafty shot and put one

top shelf 45 seconds later to regain the two-goal lead.

His dominance continued as he put the Hatchets up 5-2 at the 11:59 mark, and that was the score at the second intermission.

"Jonah is a great scoring talent. Hard to overcome that," noted Otto.

The third period started and had 10 penalties alone as the two teams had to work through a variety of powerplays and penalty kills.

While on a 5-on-3 power play, Pines' Michael Schmidt lit the lamp at 4:14 of the third to gain back some momentum while still remaining on the power play.

Tomahawk killed that penalty and four others to keep a two-goal cushion throughout the third. In

a last-ditch effort, Leslie was pulled and Pines had a sixth man on the ice. After a few attempts at the net, Tomahawk sealed the victory with an empty net goal.

"I couldn't be any more proud of the way our kids came along this season," explained Otto. "How they improved individually and as a team was awesome to see. They held themselves accountable and showed everyone that we are a true class act program on and off the ice. Captains and team leaders stepped up and created a family atmosphere that is very fun to be a part of."

The Eagles will return a good portion of young talent next season as they look to fight for a conference title.

Three Lakes nearly knocks off Pines in 50-48 battle



Three Lakes senior Peyton Pitlik goes up strong through contact in the first half of a 50-48 loss Feb. 27 to Northland Pines in Eagle River. -Staff Photo By JACOB HEID

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes boys basketball team started and ended the season with a Northland Pines loss as the Eagles and Bluejays battled in Eagle River, which ended in favor of the Eagles, 50-48, last Thursday evening.

It was a 25-25 game at halftime, and each side dug in defensively as no one scored for almost the final four minutes of the game.

Pines and Three Lakes also met in the first game of the season in Three Lakes, where the Eagles finished that one with a 68-55 win over the Bluejays.

"We really played well in this contest, and I was very proud of the kids and how they battled throughout the game. Northland Pines is a good team; they are very well coached and always prepared for a game," said head coach George Lurvey. "It was honestly just a great game. Both teams battled back and forth, and the lead changed throughout the game. This is exactly the kind of high-level game we needed to prepare us for the postseason, which starts this week."

Three Lakes got out to a lead while it was a 14-10 game just about halfway through the first half.

The Eagles and Bluejays went back and forth the rest of the half and ended knotted at 25 after the

opening 18 minutes.

Peyton Pitlik opened the second half hot from distance, as the senior knocked down two triples after the intermission.

That led to Three Lakes holding a 39-35 lead before Northland Pines responded with a 6-0 run to take a 41-39 lead and extended it to 50-43 with just under six to go.

The Bluejays would hold Pines scoreless the rest of the way and got within two of the Eagles late in the contest before having a chance to win it.

"We had a chance to win it at the end with a 3-pointer, but we missed the shot and lost by 2," explained Lurvey.

Pitlik led the team in scoring with 18 points in the tight loss, while freshman Easton Lurvey and Owen Liebscher had 15 and seven, respectively.

Pitlik and Liebscher each collected six boards, while (Easton) Lurvey finished with five.

The Bluejays also played and beat Elcho on the road earlier in the week, 78-29, on Feb. 24. They finished in third place in the Northern Lakes Conference with a 6-4 record after the win.

Three Lakes moved into the playoffs and hosted 10-seeded Tri-County this past Tuesday in the regional quarterfinals. The winner will go on to face 2-seeded Stevens Point Pacelli this Friday, March 7, at a time to be determined.



CHAMPIONS — The Eagle River Falcons secured the Wisconsin River Cup during its rivalry weekend home and away series with the Mosinee Papermakers this past weekend. The Falcons picked up a 6-3 win Friday and 6-4 win Saturday to sweep the weekend. The River cup has been battled for between these two teams for over 40 years. -Photo By Morgan Nyman

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Eagle River resident inducted into Hall of Fame

A photograph of two men standing side-by-side, each holding a large, ornate trophy. The man on the left is wearing a light-colored patterned blazer, a white shirt, and a tie with a colorful floral pattern. The man on the right is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a dark patterned tie. Both trophies are made of polished wood with a large circular gold-colored medallion in the center. The background is a white wall with several circular logos, including the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA) logo, which features a blue outline of the state of Wisconsin and the text "WISCONSIN ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION" and "WADA".

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GNC boys basketball			6; Eagle Lanes 14, Club 45 III 2;			Ternig 4/12, Beth Radowicz 4/17,		
Final 2024-25 standings			Northern Exposure 10, Denoyer's I			Jenni Linn 3/23, Carie Welzien		
STANDINGS	W	L	6; Club 45 I 12, Club 45 II 4			1/16		
Rhinelander	10	2	Eight Ball Runs: Richard Wilson			Top men shooters: Pete Aiello		
Medford	9	3	Sr, Steve Schuettner			12/29, John Ariola 11/25, Warner		
Mosinee	9	3	STANDINGS	W	L	Russell 10/25, David Kampti		
Northland Pines	6	6	Eagle Lanes	217	103	8/19, Billie Lutze 8/27, Cliff		
Antigo	4	8	Brew's Pub	191	129	Erickson 7/22, Mark Krupka 7/26,		
Lakeland	4	8	Northern Exposure	185	135	Bill Ernst 6/21,		
Tomahawk	0	12	Club 45 III	177	143	Joe Struck II 5/15, Tim Winter		
NLC boys basketball			Denoyer's I	175	145	5/17, Joe Struck III 4/12, Don		
Final 2024-25 standings			Uncle Kent's I	173	147	Scharf 4/14, Keith Popp 4/23		
STANDINGS	W	L	Lumpy's	162	158	Home runs: Kelly Resch (2), Beth		
Crandon	9	1	Club 45 I	146	174	Radowicz, Tina Aiello, Donna		
Wabeno/Laona	9	1	Denoyer's II	135	185	Adams, Don Scharf		
Three Lakes	6	4	Uncle Kent's II	134	186	STANDINGS		
Florence	3	7	Log Cabin	116	204	Eagle Lanes	33	15
Goodman/Pembin	3	7	Club 45 II	109	211	Shotskis	32	16
Elcho	0	10	EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL			Club 45	29	18
EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE			Results of 2/26/25			(one tie)		
Results of 2/27/25			Team results: Club 45 3, Veterans			Sweetwater II	29	19
Results: Lumpy's 11, Brew's Pub			Center 0; Shotskis 3, Sweetwater			Thunderbird	28	20
5; Uncle Kent's II 9, Log Cabin			II 0; Thunderbird 3, Sweetwater I			Sweetwater I	25	23
7; Uncle Kent's I 10, Denoyer's II			0; Club Denoyer 2, Mud Creek I 1;			Club Denoyer	20	28
			Eagle Lanes 2, Mud Creek II 1			Veterans Center	16	31
			Top women shooters: Tina Aiello			(one tie)		
			8/26, Billie Jr Ernst 6/21, Teresa			Mud Creek II	15	33
						Mud Creek I	12	36



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Wednesday, March 5, 2025



CLEAN SNOWMOBILE CHALLENGE — The World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) hosted the Automotive Engineering departments from 16 Midwest colleges ranging from Idaho to Quebec for four days of competition in the SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge last week. Students were given a new stock snowmobile provided by Polaris and Ski Doo and tasked to make innovations to create a quieter, more fuel-efficient, better riding, better handling and increased endurance snowmobile. Judging took place inside and outside on the WCDC grounds. The event was SAE's 24th year and the fourth time it was hosted in Eagle River. —Contributed Photos



Not that you asked, but ...

BY ERIC JOHNSON

Spring is sprung

"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours."
— American writer Mark Twain (1835-1910)

With the short 28-day run of February now ended, spring has arrived — meteorological spring that is.

So said my Facebook newsfeed from one of our local TV meteorologists, who greeted the first day of March with a "Happy First Day Of Meteorological Spring" post.

Time flies, or as the classically well-read "Pick A Little" ladies used to say in The Music Man, "Tempus Fugit." As it is, Daylight Savings Time is only days away this coming weekend, another sure sign of spring along with lengthening sunlight, warming days, and ever-faster snowmelt.

While spring doesn't technically arrive until the astronomical spring of the equinox on Thursday, March 20 at 4:01 a.m., when day and night are equally split as the sun hovers over the Earth's equator, meteorologists consider spring to run from March-May in advance of meteorological summer, the June-August hottest three months of the year.

Most people, those not bearing the American Meteorological Society seal of approval, tend to observe the classic astronomical seasons.

First day of spring? I wish it were true. Alas, the distinction between meteorological winter and meteorological spring is a bit subjective, the last day of winter 2025 paradoxically being warmer than the first day of spring 2025.

Truth be told, meteorological spring is kind of like a special second Groundhog Day in Wisconsin — six more weeks of potential mass blizzards. I kid you not.

In the pre-AmFam Clam days, there were two opening days at ol' Milwaukee County Stadium that were bona fide snowed out in my memory, including an 8-inch snow dump that canceled the scheduled April 6, 1982, home opener of what would be the Brewers' championship 95-67 American League pennant season.

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Deadline is March 19 to make changes to Headwaters Guide

Area churches, groups, lake associations and other organizations included in the Vilas County News-Review's annual Headwater's Guide are asked to submit any needed changes to their listings by the Wednesday, March 19 deadline.

This is also when any new groups or organizations can submit their information to be added.

Staff will be compiling an updated event listing as well, so anyone wishing to add their event should contact Josephine Hinderman at jhinderman@mmclocal.com or call the News-Review office at 715-479-4421.

Changes will be reflected in the 2025 publication that comes out in late April.

Information that is not updated will run the same as last year.

The Headwaters Guide is a free informational guide

that outlines local chambers of commerce, events, helplines, groups and more. Copies are available at local businesses, as well as at the News-Review front office located at 425 W. Mill St. in Eagle River.

Maple Syrup Fest slated April 5

The 14th annual Phelps Maple Syrup Fest is set for Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Phelps School.

According to organizers, this event will be a sweet celebration of maple syrup featuring an arts and crafts show, tree tapping demonstrations, cooking demos, maple syrup treats, tours of sugar bushes, and a chance to meet Alice in Dairyland.

The Maple Syrup Judging Contest will also occur with local celebrity judges, including Wisconsin's Alice in Dairyland.

Producers can enter syrup to win the Maple Syrup of the Year title. Both large and small producers are encouraged to join. Entry forms for fair vendors and syrup producers are available at phelpswi.us/event/maple-syrup-fest/.

For more information, contact the Phelps Chamber of Commerce at chamber-office@phelpswi.us or 715-545-3800. Phelps School is located at 4451 Old School Road.

Vilas ADRC to host brain health discussion

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County will be holding a discussion about Brain Health and Diabetes on Tuesday, March 11, at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library.

The discussion will highlight the link between diabetes and dementia. People with type 2 diabetes are more likely to experience cognitive impairment, including Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia, according to the ADRC. Learn how blood sugar, high and low, can affect the brain and what people can do to manage this.

The Brain Health and Diabetes discussion will be held on Tuesday, March 11, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

For questions and more information, call the ADRC at 715-479-3625 or email lebaug@vilascountywi.gov.

DNR preliminary hearing on PFAS groundwater standards set Thursday

The Department of Natural Resources will hold a preliminary public hearing on Statement of Scope SS 008-25 (NRB Order Number DG-02-2025), which affects ch. NR 140, related to numeric standards for

six per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater based on the 2025 Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommendations.

The public may testify at the virtual hearing on

Thursday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m.

Join online via Zoom at bit.ly/4imAG2R.

Meeting ID: 846 3151 9683

Call-in number: +1 312 626 6799

Pre-registration using

the Zoom link above is required. Attendees will be prompted to enter information as required on the Hearing Appearance form. Attendees joining by phone

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LIFESTYLE

Scale Model Phanatics Club looking for participants

The Scale Model Phanatics Model Club in Eagle River is looking for a few participants who are interested in creating different models to join them and get together the second Saturday of each month to “create.” The Club builds all sorts of models from sci-fi, autos of all kinds, aircraft, boats, armor and anything plastic. There is no need to be an expert, and anyone just beginning is welcome to attend. If interested, please contact Jerry Aschenbrenner at 715-479-2550 for more information.



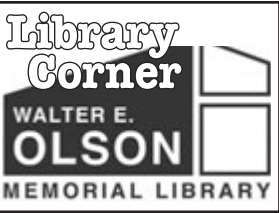
TESTING — Emissions testing was just one of several tests that were conducted on snowmobiles during the SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge held at the World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) last week. —Contributed Photo

Books vs. Badges to support Kitzerow family April 4

The fourth annual Books vs. Badges Charity Basketball Game is set to take place over the hardwood at the Northern Pines Fieldhouse on Friday, April 4. Proceeds from the event, which raises money for local charitable causes, will go to benefit the Kitzerow family. The funds raised will be donated on behalf of the Vilas County Deputy Sheriff’s Union Local 118. This year, staff members of the Northland Pines, North Lakeland, Phelps, Arbor Vitae/Woodruff, and Lac du Flambeau school districts will take on law enforcement officials of the Vilas, Oneida, and Iron County Sheriff’s offices, along with members of the Eagle River, Lac du Flambeau, Rhinelander and Minocqua police departments. Doors open at 6 p.m. with tip-off being at 7 p.m. Students get in for free and adult cost of entry will be \$10. For the past three years, the event has served as a North Woods community-centered activity where educators from area school districts and local law enforcement officials battle in a friendly game of basketball for a charitable cause. For more information, contact Vilas County Deputy Sheriff Rob Dumovich at rodumo@vilascountywi.gov.

Aspirus clinical therapists suggest creating safe spaces for teen mental health

To combat teen mental health, encourage open conversations, reduce stigma, and promote mental well-being among teens, Aspirus Health observed World Teen Mental Wellness Day on Sunday, March 2. “Teens today face a lot of pressure, not just from school and sports, but also from their own expectations and family influences,” said Jessica Schaefer, a licensed clinical therapist with Aspirus Health. “They may also be navigating complex relationships, conflicts at home, or even bullying, all of which can add to their stress.” Social media is another key factor affecting teen mental health. While it provides opportunities for connection, it can also contribute to stress and anxiety. Schaefer encourages teens to be mindful of how social media makes them feel. “Ask yourself, ‘Is the content I’m consuming making me feel good, or is it starting to make me feel bad?’” she said. “It doesn’t mean you have to cut it out completely, but setting limits and focusing on positive content can help.” For teens struggling with their mental health, finding a trusted person to talk to is an important first step. Schaefer suggests reaching out to a trusted adult, such as an older sibling, aunt or uncle, teacher, school counselor or coach. “One of the most important things adults can do is resist jumping to conclusions or taking things personally,” Schaefer added. “Instead of pushing for details, focus on listening and helping them find a safe and supportive person to talk to.” Even as World Teen Mental Wellness Day has passed, Aspirus Health encourages families and communities to create open, judgment-free spaces where teens feel comfortable discussing their challenges. If concerned about a child’s mental well-being, their primary care provider can be a great first point of contact for support, guidance and referrals to behavioral health resources. To find a local primary care provider, visit www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider.



The Library is open for in-person visits and curbside service. As always, Wi-Fi access and digital services are available 24/7. Have questions? Find answers at olsonlibrary.org and contact the Library at 715-479-8070 or olsonlibrary@gmail.com. Here’s what else you need to know about current Library happenings:

- Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.: Coffee Brewing 101. Join Becca from Old Man Murph’s Coffee Roasters for sips and tips in this hands-on coffee brewing session. Learn about the factors of a great brew, try out different brew methods, and enjoy some coffee!
- Monday, March 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m.: Memory Café. Memory Café is an opportunity for people living with memory loss and/or dementia, and their care partners, to learn and create community.
- Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.: Join practitioner Meg Joyce to learn about and experience a meditative sound bath. Bring a yoga mat, blanket, pillow, eye mask or anything that you’d need to comfortably lie down for 45 minutes.

- Thursday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.: Growing Together, a free monthly program for children and their grown-ups from Vilas Public Health. Each month we’ll do a craft/activity, learn about area resources, and build connections within and between families. RSVP at surveymonkey.com/r/5TSYKXXK so we have enough supplies!
- Thursday, March 13, 2 p.m.: Microgreens. Looking forward to the spring growing season? Learn how to grow your own tiny harvest indoors! This program will immediately follow the 1 p.m. Roots & Shoots Northwoods Gardening Club meeting — all are welcome!
- Save the date! Our next Book Sale is scheduled for March 20 - 22.

Weekly offerings

- Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Nicolet Academic Success Center. Get help with GED and college prep, computer skills, academic support and more.
- Mondays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. – Hone your skills at Ukulele Practice. Don’t play? Bring another instrument — or your voice — and join us!
- Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – Story Time with Ms. Tori. Bring your grown-up for stories, songs and fun!

- Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Seated Yoga. Come as you are! Chairs will be provided.
- Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. – Aunt Gracie’s Sewing Circle
- Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 p.m. – Silent Book Club. Bring your current read (or find one here), then take some time for yourself.
- Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m. – Wiggle, Gigggle & Shake music and movement program for kids 0-5.

Monthly offerings

- Compassus Grief Support Group (1st Thursdays, 1 - 2 p.m.) – March 6 (April 3)
- Memory Café (2nd Mondays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.) – March 10 (April 7)
- Growing Together Family Support Group (2nd Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) – March 13 (April 10)
- Free Mending Day (1st Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) – April 5 (May 3)
- Eagle River Genealogical Society (1st Mondays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.) – April 7 (May 5)

Find books, puzzles, movies and more! A reminder that the Walter Olson Library Friends (W.O.L.F.) has ongoing book sales in the Library lobby. For information or to join W.O.L.F., contact the Library.

Discover Wisconsin’s ‘The Cabin Podcast’ enters new era with Season 2 launch

Discover Wisconsin, the nation’s longest-running travel and tourism TV series, has announced the launch of Season 2 of The Cabin Podcast, featuring new hosts Andrea Boehlke and Megan Christian. “We’re thrilled to bring a fresh new feel to The Cabin Podcast,” said Kortnee McElhenie, Brand Manager of Discover Wisconsin. “This next chapter will continue to celebrate the people, places, and experiences that make Wisconsin unique, with even more engaging stories and insider perspectives. Whether you’re a longtime listener or tuning in for the first time, we can’t wait to welcome you back into The Cabin!” The Cabin Podcast, a weekly show that features the best of Wisconsin, has undergone a complete studio upgrade to evoke a cozy cabin feel. The new season also brings a fresh logo and interactive element as Boehlke and Christian welcome guests, showcase events, and hold games to learn more about Wisconsin. Part of Discover Wisconsin’s hosting crew, Boehlke and Christian, will bring their enthusiasm for the state to the podcast. “I’m beyond excited to co-host The Cabin alongside Andrea,” said Christian. “Revamping the show has been such a blast, from choosing studio decor to lining up amazing guests. It’s going to be an incredible ride, so people should definitely tune in and see what we have in store!” “I am so excited to come on board The Cabin Podcast with Megan,” added Boehlke. “As a proud Wisconsinite and host of Discover Wisconsin, it’s another amazing opportunity to dive deep into topics and find some interesting guests with Wisconsin roots. Since podcasts are now more popular than ever, we have some fun ways for listeners to get involved and connect with us!” The season premiered on Tuesday, March 4, introducing the new hosts and outlining the future of The Cabin. Listeners can look forward to Episode 2, featuring special guests Peter Kraus from Season 13 of The Bachelorette and Hana Ostapchuk, sports host and producer. New episodes are released every Tuesday and are available to download on Spotify, Apple Podcast and other popular podcast platforms. Subscribe and stream The Cabin Podcast on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts. To learn more, visit discoverwisconsin.com.

Aspirus Health partners with Reach Out and Read to support early childhood literacy

To support early literacy and child development, Aspirus Health has partnered with Reach Out and Read, a national initiative that provides free books to children during well-child visits. The program encourages families to make reading a regular part of their daily routine, helping children develop essential skills for future learning. According to Reach Out and Read, reading is one of the most powerful tools for a child’s development, helping to build language skills, improve cognitive function, and strengthen emotional bonds with caregivers. They added that families participating in the program are 2.5 times more likely to read with their children, leading to improved school readiness and communication skills. “Reading strengthens language development and creates meaningful connections between parents and children,” said Lisa Falduto, Program Director for Reach Out and Read Wisconsin. “These early experiences play a critical role in a child’s future success.” Aspirus pediatricians incorporate book distribution and literacy education into checkups, reinforcing the importance of reading at an early age. “This program makes reading a positive part of health care visits and provides books to families who might not otherwise have access,” said Dr. Joseph Novak, a pediatrician at Aspirus. From birth through age five, children experience rapid brain development, and regular exposure to books can significantly enhance their ability to learn. Research has shown that children who are read to regularly demonstrate stronger literacy skills and perform better academically later in life. Encouraging early reading habits helps set children up for long-term success in school and beyond. Beyond cognitive benefits, reading together fosters emotional security and family bonding. “The other piece that a lot of people don’t think about when reading is the bond that happens between parent and child,” Falduto added. “That connection is crucial for literacy development, emotional health, and brain development.” Aspirus Health continues to support programs that enhance childhood development and promote literacy. By working with Reach Out and Read, Aspirus helps make books and literacy resources more accessible to families, giving children the opportunity to develop a love for reading early in life. For more information about Reach Out and Read, visit www.reachoutandread.org.

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Sugar Camp Elementary

Three Lakes School

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LIFESTYLE

Roots and Shoots gardening club to meet March 13

The Roots and Shoots Northwoods Garden Club, formerly known as Vilas County Master Gardeners, will meet on Thursday, March 13, at 1 p.m. at the W.E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River.

Following the meeting at 2 p.m., Master Gardeners Joyce Sealander and Mary Ann Lambrecht will introduce attendees to the world

of microgreens. They will answer questions like “What are microgreens, and why and how should I grow them?” and “What is the difference between microgreens and sprouts?” All these questions and more will be addressed. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and presentation.

The Roots and Shoots

Northwoods Garden Club meets once a month, all year round. The mission is to provide educational, social, and civic forums related to horticulture to the public of Vilas County. For additional information, contact Lori Miller at 715-617-1031.

DNR accepting entries for Great Waters Photo Contest and Writing Project

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting entries for the 17th annual Great Waters Photo Contest and Writing Project now through April 1, 2025. Top photographs and writing submissions will be included in the next Wisconsin’s Great Waters Calendar.

The photo contest and writing project highlight the many ways people connect with, and value, the Great Lakes and Mississippi River – inspiring greater care of these vast, yet vulnerable, resources.

See the 2024-2025 Wisconsin’s Great Waters Calendar for inspiration and examples of past submissions.

Eligible entries include photos of Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, or the

Mississippi River in Wisconsin and short essays, stories or poems of around 200 words inspired by our Great Waters. Written descriptions of stewardship projects or partnerships to help protect or restore Wisconsin’s Great Waters will also be accepted.

Pictures of all seasons are needed and are accepted in the following categories:

- People Enjoying Wisconsin’s Great Waters
- Cultural And Historical Features
- Natural Features
- Wildlife

To review the photo contest and writing project rules and instructions, visit the DNR’s Great Waters Photo Contest and Writing Project webpage.

Email all photography entries to DNRGreatWatersPhotoContest@wisconsin.gov and all writing entries to DNRGreatWatersWritingProject@wisconsin.gov by April 1, 2025. Include your name, address, phone number and email address with the submission.

Judging will be completed by a panel of DNR staff members. Criteria for judging include visual and technical merit, creativity and composition. Top photos and writings from this year’s contest will be included in the next Wisconsin’s Great Waters Calendar. All authors and photographers will be credited.

For questions about the photo contest or writing project, contact Susan Tesarik, DNR Office of Great Waters at Susan.Tesarik@wisconsin.gov, or at 608-977-2416.



Photography of a Photography 101 class taught by David Mayeau is now being displayed at the Boulder Junction Public Library as their March art exhibit.

—Contributed Photo

March Art in the Library exhibit now open at Boulder Junction library

The Boulder Junction Public Library welcomes the public to view their March Art in the Library exhibit featuring students who participated in the library’s Photography 101 Class taught by David Mayeau.

The public is invited to meet the artists at a reception to be held on Saturday, March 15, from 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the library. At 1 p.m., Mayeau will talk about what the students learned, and then each student will give a brief description of their photos. The event is free and open to all. Refreshments will be served.

The Photography 101 exhibit will feature one or two photos from each student. The class learned about the photography triangle and how to use their cameras in ways to capture better photographs. One of the ways is to use shutter speed to capture things of different speeds. Another way is F-stop to change depth of field in their photographs.

David Mayeau taught the Photography 101 class to help others understand, enjoy, and be able to take better pictures with their cameras. His interest in art started in grade school art class. Mayeau’s father

is an artist and encouraged him to express himself in various artistic formats. Childhood outdoor explorations and activities, often as a family, led him to appreciate nature in all its wonder. His formal art training was received at Northern Illinois University. Mayeau is an abstract acrylic painter, nature photographer, and does sculptures of wild things.

For questions about the Art in the Library exhibits, the application process, or the artwork policy, email the library at info@boulder-junction.wislib.org or call the library at 715-385-2050.

Oneida Land and Water Conservation Department seeks citizen member

The Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department is looking for a Citizen Member to serve on the Conservation and UW-Extension Education (CUW) Committee for a two-year term.

The CUW Committee is made up of five County Board members and one citizen member to oversee and provide guidance to the Department. The Committee meets once a month, typically on the second Monday beginning at 1 p.m., and can last from 1 to 1.5 hours depending on the number of items on the agenda.

Citizen members will bring an agriculture voice

to the table, learn more about conservation in Oneida County, and vote on land and water conservation agenda items. Citizen members are eligible for a \$40 stipend and mileage reimbursement for each meeting attended.

A qualified applicant must be engaged in crop or forage production; keeping livestock; beekeeping; nursery, sod, or Christmas tree production; floriculture; aquaculture; fur farming; forest management; or in a specialty crop such as maple syrup production.

Applicants will be reviewed by the CUW Committee and approved by the Oneida County

Board during the April 15 meeting. The applicant will begin their term at the May 12 meeting.

Interested parties can fill out and submit an application on the Land and Water Conservation website at <https://www.oclw.org/employment.html> or scan an application to lwcd@oneidacountywi.gov.

Applications are due in the Land and Water Conservation office by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 28. For answers to frequently asked questions about this position, visit www.oclw.org or contact the Land and Water Conservation Department at 715-369-7835.

Senior Citizen Menus

March 10-14
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Eagle River

More Than a Meal Café at the Rock Mission Center
Serving at noon.
Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad. Reservations or cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call Jennie Johnson (715) 891-1221 to reserve or cancel a meal.

Monday, March 10
Sliced turkey sandwich on whole wheat bread, mayo, romaine leaf and tomato slice. Tuscan bean soup with chicken, sausage and crackers, peach slices, and a cookie.

Tuesday, March 11
Crustless chicken pot pie, steamed broccoli, green beans, biscuit, and a pumpkin bar.

Wednesday, March 12
Ham, baby potatoes, carrots and cabbage, rye bread, luck o’ the Irish applesauce, and gelatin. St. Paddy’s Day Meal.

Thursday, March 13
Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, diced beets, whole wheat roll, and fresh grapes.

Friday, March 14
Veggie lasagna, dark greens salad, dressing, garlic breadstick, mandarin oranges, and pineapple cake.

St. Germain

St. Germain Community Center
Serving at 10:30 a.m.
Home-delivered meals only. Home-delivered meals are available based on eligibility. For reservations or cancellations, please call Pam Cira at (715) 891-5453 (must call 24 hours in advance). Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad (or healthy salad).

Wednesday, March 12
Ham, baby potatoes, carrots and cabbage, rye bread, luck o’ the Irish applesauce, and gelatin. St. Paddy’s Day Meal.

Thursday, March 13
Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, diced beets, whole wheat roll, and fresh grapes.

Friday, March 14
Veggie lasagna, dark greens salad, dressing, garlic breadstick, mandarin oranges, and pineapple cake.

Phelps

Northern Exposure Restaurant
Serving at noon
Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Healthy salad. All meals are served with fat-free milk, whole grain rolls/bread with margarine. Meals are served Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. Reservations or cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call Judi Heikkinen at 715-545-3697 to reserve or cancel a meal.

Monday, March 10
Grilled cheese on whole wheat bread, chicken noodle soup, and apple kringle.

Wednesday, March 12
BBQ pork sandwich on whole wheat bread, baked fries, corn, and Halos.

Friday, March 14
Fish tacos with pico de gallo, corn tortillas, lime, and fruit cocktail.

Land O’ Lakes

Love of Life Café
Gateway Lodge
Serving at 11:30 a.m.
Butter and margarine offered. Coffee and fat-free milk served with each meal. Lighter substitute in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad. Place reservations and choice with Anna Moore (715) 547-6076 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesday, March 11
Taco soup, cheese quesadilla with tomato and green onion, ½ banana, and lemon bars.

Wednesday, March 12
Pork chops with sauerkraut,

tomato and cucumber salad, mashed potatoes, whole wheat bread, and applesauce.

North Lakeland Elementary School (NLES)

Manners Café
Serving at 11:15 a.m.
Butter and margarine offered. Coffee and fat-free milk served with each meal. For reservations, contact Mary Ellen Duranso at (715) 904-0065 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesday, March 11
Chicken alfredo pizza on whole grain flatbread, mixed greens salad, baby carrots, and cinnamon apples.

Wednesday, March 12
Hot dog on whole grain bun, chili with beans, cheese stick, fresh veggies and dip, and mandarin oranges.

Thursday, March 13
Meatball sub on whole grain bun, marinara sauce, steamed corn, mixed greens salad, and pineapple.

Three Lakes

The Reiter Center
Serving at 11:30 a.m.
Contact 715-499-3738 at least one day in advance to make or cancel a reservation.

Monday, March 10
Lasagna, whole kernel corn, green beans, garlic breadstick, and fruit gelatin dessert.

Tuesday, March 11
Chili with macaroni, crackers, string cheese, dark greens salad with dressing, and apple cranberry yogurt salad.

Wednesday, March 12
Lemon and pepper fish, tartar sauce, baked potato, sour cream, dill carrots, rye bread, and a banana.

Thursday, March 13
Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, and chocolate pudding.

Pickleball lessons offered at YMCA

The YMCA of the Northwoods welcomes Kelli Hennessey, a Certified Pickleball Instructor, to teach a variety of pickleball lessons throughout the month of March.

With years of experience teaching both group and private lessons in Wisconsin, Coach Kelli brings a passion for the game and a commitment to helping players improve at all levels.

Coach Kelli’s upcoming series will focus on Topspin: The Most Important Skill for Competitive Pickleball. This progressive series

includes:

- Topspin Part 1 – Learn the fundamentals: what topspin is, why it’s important, how to use it, and the mechanics to get started. (Required for all other topspin classes.)
- Topspin Part 2 – Master topspin groundstrokes and volleys. (Must complete Part 1.)
- Topspin Part 3 – Develop topspin drop shots. (Must complete Part 1.)

Each session includes 1.5 hours of expert coaching. Early registration for Part 1 is encouraged, as it is a prerequisite for Parts 2 and 3.

These classes are open to both YMCA members and the general public. The cost is \$20 per class for members, and \$40 per class for nonmembers.

Registration and viewing the class schedule can be done online at www.ymcaofthenorthwoods.org. Registration can also be done over the phone by calling 715-362-9622. Space is limited.

For questions or more information, contact Marilyn Duschl at 715-362-9622, ext. 118, or mduschl@ymcanw.org.

Badger Bridge details results

1st Place – Bob Busakowski and Marge Kleścowski.
2nd Place – Ed Stoever and Jackie Walker.
3rd Place – Shele Fawcett and Linda Wise.
4th Place – Dorothy Hospedar and Mary Jo Berner.
Bridge is held on Mondays starting at 11:45 a.m. at the Kalmar Center in Eagle River.

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Backward Glances

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One Year Ago - 2024

After seven years with the Vilas County News-Review, Editor Michelle Drew is now embarking on a new journey following the release of this week's edition...Good newspapering doesn't come without a lot of work, but it also requires a lot of training. Drew said she was privileged to work under some of the greatest journalistic minds in the state, under the tutelage of former Editor Gary Ridderbusch, and current Publisher and previous Editor Kurt Krueger...A number of new faces will take the reins upon Drew's departure, including new associate editors Jacob Heid and Josephine Hinderman.

10 Years Ago - 2015

A snowmobile accident Saturday near Highway 70 in St. Germain resulted in the death of a 19-year-old Beaver Dam woman, who was first airlifted by Spirit Air to Wausau Hospital for her injuries, according to a press release from the Vilas County Sheriff's Office...Initial investigation shows that the woman, Emily Lyons, went off the trail and struck a tree. She was transported by Oneida County Ambulance to the St. Germain Community parking lot where she was then airlifted by Spirit Air to Aspirus Wausau Hospital for her injuries. She was pronounced dead Sunday at the hospital.

20 Years Ago - 2005

Two snowmobilers were killed in separate accidents in Vilas County last weekend, including one incident where the driver of the machine was arrested for homicide by the intoxicated use of a vehicle, according to authorities...The preliminary investigation shows the snowmobile was being operated on Morton Lake at a high rate of speed and hit the shoreline about 3:23 a.m. After contacting the shoreline, (Scott W. Mertins) was ejected from the machine and (Michael G. Stoll) was found lying on the ground adjacent to the snowmobile...(Alan D. Rosik) was killed in an apparent head-on snowmobile crash on Little St. Germain Lake in the town of St. Germain about 10:50 p.m. Saturday...The caller reported the two snowmobiles collided head-on. Rosik was pronounced dead at the scene.

30 Years Ago - 1995

A 1-year-old Eagle River girl died Monday morning in a two-car automobile accident in slushy conditions on Highway 17 near Parrish in Langlade County...Brook Patterson, the daughter of Jason and Tammy Patterson of Eagle River, died from injuries sustained in the accident. According to authorities, the Patterson vehicle collided with another car that lost control in slushy conditions and crossed the center line on Highway 17. Officials said Patterson's



SCARY SCENE, 2005 — A school bus transporting 26 students from Eagle River to the Sayner area crashed into the rear of a parked semi-tractor and trailer along Hghwy G last Friday afternoon... A school district official said some of the students received minor injuries, but none were transported to the hospital.

—Staff Photo by GARY RIDDERBUSCH

vehicle was struck on the driver's side, rolled several times, and landed on its side shortly after 9 a.m.

40 Years Ago - 1985

State Representative Jim Holperin (D-Eagle River) is one of four authors of an acid rain control bill to be introduced later this year once specific recommendations from several study committees are forwarded to the Legislature...(State Senator Joseph Strohl) said any legislative initiative would certainly include lowering the statewide "cap" of sulfur dioxide emissions from the present 500,000 tons per year which coal burning electric utilities are now allowed to emit... In addition, the four lawmakers said those emitters covered by the cap may have to be expanded beyond just coal burning electric utilities... The four legislators said they understand lower emissions will cost money and said they will review recommendations on how best to allocate the costs of lowering SO2 emissions.

50 Years Ago - 1975

Although Gov. Patrick Lucey's "power equalization" formula would eventually eliminate all state aid to school districts in the Vilas county area, some of these schools will suffer sooner than others... While the Northland Pines K-12 district will continue to receive transitional aids in decreasing amounts until the 1977-1978 school year, other school districts such as the Phelps Joint District No. 1, the Phelps Union High School District, the Boulder Junction District, a kindergarten through eighth grade district, and the Lakeland Union High School District, all will receive no state aid next year and will have to begin paying "negative aids" into the state for the 1976-1977 school year... The reasoning behind power equalization is to make it financially possible for all school districts in the state to offer equal education programs for their students. However, because the formula is based on the ratio of

it fit to lavish such expenditures on our acreage in the Nicolet Forest, which is over twice the size of the Sylvania tract...In reality, what have we got on our part and what has been done?"

70 Years Ago - 1955

Red Cross volunteer workers in Vilas county this week opened their annual month-long solicitation of funds with the 1955 goal set at \$2,390, said Chairman Orville N. Sell of Eagle River...The campaign, which will be conducted in each township and in Eagle River, will have a secondary objective of enrolling 1,600 members in the Red Cross organization...In an attempt to reach this goal, volunteer workers will conduct a door-to-door solicitation for funds.

80 Years Ago - 1945

First hand information on food and how to prepare it for public sale or private consumption will be given to anyone interested at a special series of meetings arranged by the resort division of the Wisconsin Hotel Association in Eagle River at the Legion Hall starting Tuesday afternoon...These series of lectures will be of particular interest to all restaurant owners, owners of lunch stands, resort owners, and all home makers. The lectures are free and anyone interested is invited to attend...There will be four lectures, and each is designed to furnish all people engaged in preparing, serving, or handling food with the most recent and authentic information in making their work a safe and profitable procedure for patrons, employers, employees and members of families.

Due to the poor condition of the bound volumes of old newspapers used to compile Backward Glances, we will only include 90 and 100 years ago if the quality of the books allows.

THREE LAKES

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Three Lakes District details 2nd quarter honor roll students

The Three Lakes School District reported its second quarter honor roll for the high and junior high schools.

Students earning high honors with a grade point average of 3.667-4.000 are:

Seventh grade: Aspen Gall, Izabella Gensler, Ella Glembin, Savannah Gustaferson, Joslyn Keller, Olivia Kock, Lea Graysen, Liam McKissack, Lucas Pitlik, Landon Running, Adysin Schoeneck and Emmey Tuckey.

Eighth grade: Emilee Bauknecht, Peter Cruckson, Zachary DeHaan, Lainey Hanneman, Mercedes Hendrickson, Blake Joslin, Kaylynn Klein, Rebekah Kock, Zoey Kal, Grayce Lamon, Grace Mandili and Lachlan Mouw.

Ninth grade: Kamryn Boehm, Emma Eppler, Madelynn Haneman, Autumn Hein, James Holbrook, Easton Lurvey, Landen McDonald, Ava Muetlein, Logan Running, Evan Sorenson, Erica Stauffer, Malia Szews and Jack Westfall.

Tenth grade: Jackson Bender, Keira Bollmann, Vivianne Cruckson, Avery Gutbrod, Garrett Mandli, Brooke Neumann, Hallie Peterson, Somerr Ridgeway, Nolan Waltz, Cohen Welsh, Ashlyn Wolosek and Anjelica Zirbes.

Eleventh grade: Ayla Connor, Isabella Cruckson, Hope Eisel, Elizabeth Eppler, Kailyn Fogerty, Raquel Gebele, Kassidy Higgins-Williams, Jasmyn Joslin, Matthew Klein, Levi Lurvey, Cruz Melton, Grayson Polcaster, Jake Siedschlag, Melanie Stauffer, Sawyer Szews, Camryn Vanderwegen and Thompson Wallschlaeger.

Twelfth grade: Lilyanna Gleason, Kylee Kasmarek, Macy Lester, Riley Lob, Sophia Nafziger, Ava Running, Ella Spears and Ada West.

Students earning honors with a grade point average of 3.000-3.666 are:

Seventh grade: Eli Ellis, Richard Gendler, Andrew Hein, Beckett Hein, Liam Keckeisen, Parker Lewis, Kennedy Mortenson, Chares Olkowski, Ethan Plautz and Dylan Wallschlaeger.

Eighth grade: Ava Edwardson, Hudson Gall, Corbyn Gutbrod, Winter Henke, Audrina Lassig, Trenton Peterson, Matthew Potrykus and Charlie Welsh.

Ninth grade: Bentley Bills, William Connor, Traystyn Demith, Rylee Glembin, Cora Johnson, Laura Kevilus, Samuel Koshuta and Masen Schoeneck.

Tenth grade: Savanna Bonack, Jewelia Kleinhans, Kayla Koepp, Owen Liebscher and Lucas Norship.

Eleventh grade: Kaitlyn Andrews, Guinn Blaylock, Ashton Boehm, Lincoln Boetcher, Paige Brafford, Tessa Christophersen, Hailey Koepp, Ian Lamon, Ethan Potrykus, Aedyn Sorenson, Annabella Steinbach, Mira West and Kylee Wilson.

Twelfth grade: Mason Bednarz, Mariah Bessert, Reece Bollmann, Hailey Congleton, Toshiana Czaplinski, Caitlyn DeHaan, Eli Erikson, Carter Flannery, Samuel Gensler, Christian Jolin, Paul Kasmarek, Gwenyth Lundt, Shelby Meister and Peyton Pitlik.

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Phelps Woman's Club continues plastic recycling challenge

The Phelps Woman's Club is once again participating in a plastic film recycling challenge, working to collect over 1,000 pounds of soft plastic film and packaging with the help of the community. The effort aims to divert plastic waste from landfills and waterways, giving it new life through the Nextrex recycling program.

The collected plastic will be delivered to Trex, a company that manufactures sustainable composite decking made from 95% recycled materials. In recognition of the club's efforts, Nextrex will award a composite bench to the community once the 1,000-pound goal is met.

Last fall, the club received its first bench, which is now located on the cement stairs near the library.

Residents can contribute by recycling items such as grocery bags, bread bags,

bubble wrap, newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, plastic shipping envelopes, reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags and other soft plastics. All plastics must be clean, dry and free of food residue before being dropped off at one of the designated collection bins.

Collection bins are located at:

— Phelps School (inside near the office) - 4451 Old School Road

— Phelps Town Hall (outside) - 4495 Town Hall Road

— Phelps Chamber of Commerce (outside) - 2429 Highway 17

— Phelps Convenience Center (back corner) - 2518 Highway 17

The Phelps Woman's Club encourages community members to participate in the initiative, helping to keep plastic waste out of the environment while earning another bench for public use.



Pictured is a recycling bin used for the plastic film recycling challenge.

—Photo By Sharon Gifford

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Effective with the Spring Election in 2025, proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued, unless the elector is otherwise exempt from this requirement. TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING. Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk. You can also personally go to the municipal clerk's office or other specified location, complete a written application, and vote an absentee ballot during the hours specified for casting an absentee ballot.

The deadline for making an application to vote absentee by mail is 4:30 p.m. on the Fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 27, 2025.



The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the Municipal Clerk's Office is Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Absentee voting will take place M-F by appointment only. The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in the Municipal Clerk's Office is 3:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election, March 28, 2025.

The Municipal Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 1, 2025.

Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. (Military electors should contact the Municipal Clerk regarding the deadlines for requesting or submitting an absentee ballot).

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This is a 12-month, full-time position.
Hire rate is \$21.47/hour and includes a generous benefits package.
Start date is TBD.

Full description and application instructions can be found on the WECAN website at <https://wecan.waspa.org/>

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CPR training class being offered

A CPR class taught by Nicolet College is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, from 6 - 10 p.m. at the Phelps Fire Station.

Cost for the class is \$44.95 for adults and \$30 for seniors. Fees will be collected the night of the class. Certification cards and

workbooks will be included.

Contact Carole Selin, EMS Supervisor at 715-617-0313, or selinems@gmail.com if interested in participating.

The fire station is located at 4495 Town Hall Road in Phelps.

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Start getting your recipes perfected for the Land O' Lakes Library's 3rd Annual Bar Cookie Crawl baking contest to be held on Thursday, March 20, at 1 p.m. This is a bar cookie baking competition open to all. Bar cookies, along with an ingredient list for allergy purposes, must be at the library by 1 p.m. on March 20. They may also be dropped off the evening before until 6 p.m. You do not need to be present to win. The winning bar cookie will be chosen by a panel of judges. Taste-testing is encouraged and all are encouraged to come to the library to taste from 1 to 3 p.m.

Come to the library for a Wicked Event! The film "Wicked" will be screened on Thursday, March 6, at 1 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. The movie will be shown on the library's big screen along with themed treats and drinks. If you missed seeing this movie at the theater, now is your chance to enjoy it in all its fantastical glory. Is Scrabble your game? The library is hosting a Scrabble afternoon on Wednesday, March 12, at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome and the game boards will be provided. With enough interest, this may become a regularly scheduled program.

The Nonfiction Book Club will meet on Monday, March 10, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss "A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II" by Sonia Purnell. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

Northern Footnotes Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m. The discussion will be on "Sunflower Sisters: A Novel" by Martha Hall Kelly. Newcomers are always welcome.

Qigong and Balance classes, taught by Dottie Reeder, are offered on Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. Qigong is free of charge and all are welcome.

Mahjong games are held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the downstairs community room. Beginning and experienced players are invited to play.

Storytime Read n' Play is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. All children and their caregivers are welcome.

Lego Club is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Kids may be dropped off or take the bus to the library. A release form must be signed before children can participate. Call the library with any questions.

New large print books on the shelves: "Perfect Storm" by Paige Shelton, "Fearless" by M.W. Craven, "1795 The Order of the Furies" by Niklas Natt Och Dag, "Time Will Tell" by Rita Mae Brown, "A Great Marriage" by Frances Mayes, "North of Nowhere" by Allison Brennan, and "We All Live Here" by Jojo Moyes.

Library hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call the library at 715-547-6006, visit landolakeslibrary.org, or find the library on Facebook and Instagram.

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LOLA hosts creative art activities

Last week, Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) was buzzing with activity, as Ruth Wegenhaupt's Art Journaling group worked on their creative projects, while several volunteers framed student artwork for Youth Art Month, running March 3-14, with a reception on March 8. Art from Land O' Lakes Elementary, SOAR Charter Middle School, Watersmeet K-12 and LOLA Homeschool Arts Group will be on display. Meanwhile, the Wednesday Watercolor group was busy creating beautiful pieces. For more information on LOLA's art groups, visit lolaartswi.com.



Wegenhaupt (right) with 2 members of her Art Journaling Group.



These volunteers joined with LOLA Board members to frame the student's art pieces.

—Photos By Bob Hughes

Local Legends of Brass to close LOLA Arts Winter Concert Series

LOLA Arts will host the final performance in its Winter Mini-Concert Series featuring the Local Legends of Brass on Saturday, March 8, from 2-3 p.m. at Ely Church in Land O' Lakes.

The brass quintet, formed in 2023, performs a diverse repertoire spanning genres and centuries. Members include Larry Chamberlain (St. Germain), Robin Peterson (Three Lakes), John Brenholt

(Phelps), Manson Morris (Minocqua), and Paul Saltzgeber (Land O' Lakes).

The group regularly rehearses at Sayner Community Church and performs at various events, including weddings,

religious services, patriotic celebrations and hockey games.

This free, family-friendly concert is supported by the Green Bay Packers Foundation and LOLA Arts donors.



A few of the art pieces from the upcoming Exhibition of Youth Art.

—Photo By Bob Hughes

Youth Art Month celebrates healing through color

Youth Art Month celebrates the visual arts, with the 2024/2025 theme "Healing Through Color."

The Youth Art Month Exhibition opens Monday, March 3, at the LOLA Gallery.

Dr. Donna Murray-Tiedge, a Land O' Lakes-based artist, was tasked with arranging this year's Youth Art Exhibition at the LOLA Gallery. The

exhibition features colorful student artwork from Land O' Lakes Elementary, SOAR Charter Middle School, Watersmeet K-12, and the LOLA Homeschool Arts Group.

Murray-Tiedge's passion for art began early in life, winning a national drawing award in high school. She studied industrial design in college, where she learned both technical precision

and artistic flair.

After 25 years in the industry as a professional product designer, she returned to academia, earning a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in art and design and a PhD in aesthetic education. She has taught at the University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Stevens Point, Kent State University, and Boston University.

An artist with experience in drawing, painting, photography and woodworking, Murray-Tiedge has been vacationing in Land O' Lakes since 1969 and became a permanent resident in 2015. Her artistic expertise and eye for color make her the ideal curator for this year's Youth Art Exhibition.

31st Annual VFW Turkey Shoot raises over \$7,000

The VFW Stateline Post 8400 hosted its 31st Annual Turkey Shoot last Saturday at Club 45 Bar and Grill in Conover and raised over \$7,000.

Sharpshooters armed with .22 long rifles and open sights competed in groups of ten for a chance to win frozen turkeys.

The event, a major

fundraiser for the VFW, brought together veterans and community members for a day of friendly competition.

Raffles featuring a wide range of donated prizes helped boost the event's success, raising over \$7,000. Many participants return each year to take part in this long-standing tradition.



MC for the event was Darren Doss. —Photo By Bob Hughes

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should download and complete the fillable Hearing Appearance form and email it to DNR140GroundwaterQualityStandards@Wisconsin.gov.

In addition to verbal comments made during

the virtual meeting, the department will also accept written comments until 11:59 p.m. on March 6, 2025. Written comments may be submitted electronically by email to: DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov

or via U.S. mail to:

Carla Romano, DNR DG/5
P.O. Box 7921
101 S. Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707-7921

The scope statement can be viewed, and comments may also be submitted on the Wisconsin State Legislature Statement of Scope webpage at docs.

legis.wisconsin.gov/code/scope_statements/comment.

Additional information is also available on the department's NR 140 Groundwater Quality Standards Update webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Groundwater/NR140.html.



WKSRA — The Wisconsin Kids Snowmobile Races Association recently held their annual races in Conover.

Top: Winning driver of the Junior 340 Series, Lucas Zdroik of Eagle River.

Middle left: Winner of the Modified Series, Jacobi Tullberg of Hazelhurst.

Middle right: Winner driver of the 120 Series, Hugh Ryden of Minoqua.

Bottom: Winner driver of the Kitty Kat Series, Gabe Ryden of Minoqua.

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All proceeds will support the Plum Lake EMS and Fire Departments

NOTICE OF PROPOSED FISHING REGULATION CHANGE ON PLUM LAKE IN VILAS COUNTY

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes a change to the fishing regulations for walleye in Plum Lake (S36, T41N, R7E) in Vilas County. The proposal would change the current harvest size limit from only walleye less than 14 inches, with one fish over 18 inches allowed, to a 15-inch minimum length limit with a protected harvest slot from 20 to 24 inches, with one fish over 24 inches allowed.

This new regulation will help provide additional protection for the remaining adult walleye population and protect juvenile fish.

Juvenile walleye recruitment and the adult walleye population in Plum Lake have declined from historic levels in recent years. The regulation changes are being proposed because the current regulation does not provide sufficient protection to the walleye population given its present state. Under s. NR 20.35(3), Wisconsin Administrative Code, the removal of special regulations is warranted under these conditions.

A public meeting to hear public comments and provide information about the proposal will be held if requested in writing within 10 days of the publication of this notice. Public meeting requests and comments on this proposal should be sent by March 15, 2025 to:

ATTN: Eric Wegleitner
8770 County Hwy J
Woodruff, WI 54568
715-356-5211 ext. 246
Eric.Wegleitner@wisconsin.gov

The proposed regulations would take effect on or around May 3, 2025.

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Outdoors

March ushers in some warmth, and panfish time

SO MANY anglers look forward to March, clear in focus and fully expecting warmer days where jackets are optional as they chase their favorite pan-fish before ice-out arrives.

They have little choice on what to target, of course, because the game fishing season is closed and won't reopen until the first Saturday in May. So perch, crappies and bluegills get all their attention.

For me it's time to put away the tip-ups and get out the tip downs, a term that describes varied devices intended to allow anglers to spread out rods and still detect bites from a distance.

They give anglers extra time to reach the rod and reel for the hook-set.

One of the fanciest new units accommodates a regular rod and reel. It's equipped with a flag, like a tip-up, which signals a strike. And because the spinning bail is open, it allows the fish to move off without restriction until the angler arrives.

I can't argue that fighting panfish with a spinning reel is more fun than the hand-over-hand technique needed for fixed-reel tip downs, yet I enjoy the feel of monofilament line stretching in my fingers to the head-chugs of a 12-inch crappie.

To get the best of both techniques, I usually put out a couple of tip downs and then jig with a third spinning rod and reel combo, using a flasher to detect fish as I move from hole to hole in deep water.

This is also the time of year when friends target warmer conditions to make their annual trek north for some fishing, and that's what happened last weekend.

This sport we call fishing is just a great excuse for family and friends to get together for a common purpose, chasing fish from dawn to dusk while catching up on life's events and future plans.

And when it comes to my latest guests, Mike Krueger of Winneconne and Todd

Braun of Shawano, we get so wrapped up in chasing crappies that there's hardly time for idle chatter while on the ice.

The casual observer wouldn't hear much more than "I'm on the board," "got a slab," "nice fish" and "hand me another beer." These two come to fish and they don't mind pouring back a couple of brewskis in the process.

We were trying for crappies on the Three Lakes Chain and it didn't take more than checking the third hole drilled to discover they were there, in a deep hole, as Mike hauled in the first slab crappie on a jigging rod — long

before we had time to set up any tip downs.

The plan wasn't to chase fish around with some front-facing sonar, but to pick a decent spot, set up a tent to get out of the wind and wait for the panfish to show up — with crappie being the favored target.

Crappies are a very nomadic species that can cover ground in a hurry. Every day seems to be a little different in the patterns they travel, the depths they favor and the timing of the most aggressive bite.

Seldom did we go more than 20 minutes without a bobber dropping, and there were times when a group or small school of fish would show up to create some of the most memorable hook-setting action of the day.

This crew is probably goofier than superstitious, but during any of those slumps in the action we were calling to the fish gods for some help.

We call them slump busters, and anything might work — opening the right pack of venison sticks, cracking the right beer, chanting some crazy words or, the absolute best on this particular day, blasting the Joe Walsh tune "Life's Been Good To Me So Far."

One of the best "runs" of the day came on the first playing of that song, and we were running for tip-downs and slip bobber rigs for 15 minutes straight. Go figure.



Todd Braun of Shawano and Mike Krueger of Winneconne hoist some dandy crappies as March arrives, normally a favorite warm-weather month for panfish anglers after the game-fish seasons close.

—Photo By The Author

We all like the action and taste of panfish, whether they are crappies, perch or bluegills. But there's just something about catching the largest of the species, on average, the crappie, that trumps the others for me.

What I love most about the crappie is the bite — that pop of the tip on the strike and then the slow descent of a bobber down the ice-sided hole. It's a beautiful sight that's followed by a hook-set and a very decent fight on light tackle.

The biggest fish measured just over 12 inches and on the Three Lakes Chain, these fish are thick across the back, deep in the belly and weighing over a pound. They are quite impressive.

We fished hard on various lakes for three days, trying to discover the best morning and afternoon spots as we went. We didn't find a lot of consistency, for one day a spot

would have a good morning bite and be not so great the next. But that's fishing.

The scribbler is the lucky one here, getting to host friends who love to fish. It's a ready-made excuse for some serious strategizing and long days on the ice, which I believe to be great therapy for whatever is ailing you.

We cleaned our share of fish and for Mike, who basically goes fishing just one or two weekends a year, it was a chance to eat some fresh fish and put some in the freezer for a future fry at the hunting cabin near Iola — not far from our home town of Marion.

March is the start of the best winter panfishing of the year and you never know how long good ice will last, so the right time to fish is better sooner than later.

DNR reminds anglers to remove ice shanties

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds ice anglers to remove their permanent ice shanties, or those that aren't removed daily, on Michigan boundary waters on or before Saturday, March 15.

Ice shanties have already been removed in mostly southern parts of the state, with Iowa boundary waters being removed by Feb. 20, Minnesota boundary waters before March 1, and inland waters south of Highway 64 by March 2.

Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior, and inland water shanties north of Highway 64 will need to be removed by Sunday, March 16.

Portable ice shanties can still be used after these dates, so long as they are removed from the ice when they are not actively in use. Details on when all shanties need to be removed are in the Guide to Wisconsin's 2024-2025 Hook and Line Fishing Regulations.

If someone needs help removing their shanty,

they should contact local fishing clubs, vendors, or other anglers. Owners who don't take responsibility for removing their shanty should be reported to the DNR Violation Hotline by calling or texting 1-800-TIP-WNDR or 1-800-847-9367.

No ice is 100% safe. Ice anglers should check with local fishing clubs and bait shops for current ice conditions before removing their shanties, as the DNR does not monitor ice conditions.

DNR seeks hunters to host turkey hunt programs

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks conservation organizations, hunting and shooting sports groups, and experienced hunters to help host Learn to Hunt Turkey programs this spring.

Each year, people of all ages and backgrounds express interest in participating in Wisconsin's turkey seasons. Those who have hunted turkey for five years or longer can help answer this demand by assisting with a turkey Learn to Hunt program.

Wisconsin's Learn to Hunt program allows volunteers to hold educational hunts outside regular turkey seasons.

Instructors provide novice participants with at least four hours of hunting instruction prior to a mentored hunt.

Instruction can take place in the classroom, or it can be hands-on. Groups can use the four hours of pre-hunt instruction to take participants scouting (asking for hunting permissions

on private property), practicing turkey calls, patterning shotguns, and more.

The only required topic is a Safety Briefing to be provided by an active certified Hunter Education Instructor. Beyond that requirement, the topics may be tailored to participants.

All volunteer Learn to Hunt instructors will have

a DNR background check to ensure safety.

If interested in helping with a Learn to Hunt program, contact Emily Lehl at Emily.Lehl@wisconsin.gov or Logan Planer at Logan.Planer@wisconsin.gov.

To learn more, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/1th.

DNR accepting 2026 turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamp art

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting artwork entries for the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp Design Contests. The winning designs will appear on the 2026 collection of stamps.

Each year, local artists

from around Wisconsin compete for an opportunity to showcase their talents, commemorate their work, and promote wildlife conservation across the state.

Hunters are required to purchase a species-specific stamp to legally harvest any of these game birds in Wisconsin. The sales of

these three stamps generate hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for species management throughout the state, including habitat management, restoration, education and research projects.

Stamp design entries

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2025 elk season applications now open

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that the application period for the 2025 elk hunt will be open Saturday, March 1, through Saturday, May 31.

This year, there will be increased opportunity within the Black River Elk Range, as both antlered and antlerless harvest authorizations will be available through the state licensing process.

Applicants are required to select a zone when applying (the Black River Elk Range or Clam Lake Elk Range). This year's elk quota for the Black River Elk Range will be four antlered elk and five antlerless

elk. The Clam Lake Elk Range quota will be eight antlered elk, with 50% available to Ojibwe hunters.

For individuals who select Black River Elk Range during the application process, the first four randomly drawn applicants will receive an antlered harvest authorization. The next five applicants drawn will have the option to accept an antlerless authorization. If the applicant declines an antlerless authorization, another applicant will be drawn as a replacement until the five antlerless harvest authorizations are accepted. Any applicant who declines an antlerless authorization may still apply in the future.

As a reminder, only Wisconsin residents can be issued an elk license, and only one authorization can be issued (regardless of

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Starting March 1, hunters can apply for the 2025 elk hunt.

—Contributed Photo



Fishing with the guides

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

Spring will be here before we know it

With the game fishing season officially wrapped up as of Sunday night at midnight, the focus now shifts to panfish. There's still plenty of great ice fishing left to enjoy! While daytime temperatures are beginning to creep into the upper 30s and low 40s on some days, the solid ice base is still holding strong at 22" to 34"+ throughout the area. That should keep things safe for fishing in the coming weeks. As always, be careful of shoreline conditions and any areas with current, like the Chain. And bring an auger extension with you! Now that the hustle and bustle of the game fishing season is done, it's a great time to target crappie, bluegill and perch without as much pressure on the water.

Crappies are still hanging on the weed edges in 6-9 feet of water on the Chain. Anglers are having success with small vertical jigs tipped with waxies or crappie minnows. The bite has been best during the late afternoon and evening, with decent numbers being caught.

Bluegill are being found suspended a little deeper. The bite is steady, with waxies or red spikes on a 1/32 oz. jig working great for these guys.

The perch bite has been improving, especially in deeper water (15-20 feet). If you're after bigger perch, try fishing deep mud flats with crappie minnows or rosy reds.

The forecast suggests that warmer days are on the way, and we have some interesting weather coming this week including some possible rain and snow. So far, we've only seen slush in some isolated spots — but with this weather we need to start watching out for more widespread slushy conditions to develop, especially in the afternoons. Morning ice will be firmer, so getting out early is a good bet. Snow cover is light, which makes travel easy, but be prepared for wet spots on warmer afternoons.

While game fishing is done, ice fishing season isn't over yet! The next few weeks should offer some solid panfish opportunities, and, with fewer anglers on the lakes, it's a great time to enjoy some quiet time on the ice. Spring will be here before we know it.

Good luck and good fishin'!

Our View

We applaud local emergency preparedness

Last Monday afternoon, Eagle River got to see the full extent of emergency preparedness, displayed by local first responders after an aircraft needed to make an emergency landing at Eagle River Union Airport following a mid-flight malfunction.

It was amazing to hear and see the displayed agility and preparedness of local emergency responders, which included Eagle River ambulance, rescue, and fire and police departments, the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Vilas County Emergency Management, Conover Ambulance and Plum Lake Rescue, as they sat on the runway tarmac prepared for anything and everything that may come from the skies.

Fortunately, the pilot was able to land and get their feet back on the ground with no bodily injuries, only some reported damage to landing gear, but that doesn't take away from the fact that first responders were there and ready to help in what felt like a blink of an eye. They were there, and they were ready.

We at the News-Review applaud the speed, dedication and preparedness of our emergency personnel — thank you, for all you do.

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DEAR SENIOR,

For retirees who own their home and want to stay living there, but could use some extra cash, a reverse mortgage is a viable financial tool, but there's a lot to know and consider to be sure it's a good option for you.

Let's start with the basics.

A reverse mortgage is a unique type of loan that allows older homeowners to borrow money against the equity in their house (or condo) that doesn't have to be repaid until the homeowner dies, sells the house, or moves out for at least 12 months. At that point, you or your heirs will have to pay back the loan plus accrued interest and fees (usually by selling the home), but you will never owe more than the value of your home.

It's also important to understand that with a reverse mortgage, you, not the bank, own the house, so you're still required to pay your property taxes, homeowners' insurance, and upkeep. Not paying them can result in foreclosure.

To be eligible, you must be 62 years of age or older, have at least 50% equity in your home, and currently be living there.

You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to continue paying your property taxes and insurance. Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow account to pay future bills. If the financial assessment finds that you cannot pay your insurance and taxes and have enough cash left to live on, you'll be denied.

Loan Details

More than 90% of all reverse mortgages offered are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), which are FHA insured and offered through private mortgage lenders and banks. HECM's have home value limits that vary by county but cannot exceed \$1,209,750 in 2025.

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Never trust seasons to be true

I was informed last week by a relative newcomer to north Wisconsin that it was great that spring had come so early to us.

He figured, I guess, that a few days of near 50 above or so constituted the beginning of spring. I hated to bust his balloon, but I went ahead and dutifully informed him that we will be lucky if spring actually gets here sometime before the Fourth of July.

So maybe Memorial Day would be more accurate, but the bottom line is that our little outbreak of warmth in the preceding week is no guarantee warm temperatures are here to stay.

I sat him down and explained that there are really more than four seasons in this beautiful area in which we live. There are six for sure, and sometimes a few more.

As an example, we began the year 2025 with winter, albeit a winter with very little snow but plenty of cold. Since mid-January we have experienced a typical winter, a spell with lots of temperatures below zero and enough snow to warm the cockles of the hearts of skiers, snowmobilers and others who live for winter recreation.

Then along came late February and we entered

what I term “false spring.”

The thawing and loss of ice and snow that 40-plus temperatures bring at this time of false spring inevitably revert to days upon end of temps ranging all the way down to 25 below. More snow will fall. Ice fishermen will still be drilling holes through two feet or more of ice. We'll still be in the grip of real winter.

Which brings us to traditional spring, except that traditions don't always hold still when it comes to weather. Examples of false winter abound.

Take what had been a fine spring about 45 years ago or so. Spring had sprung, birds were singing, and all signs said summer was on its way. That held true until the night before the opening of fishing season on the first Saturday of May.

My very young son was antsy to go with me on our maiden trout fishing expedition of the season. On Friday all was well with sunshine and warm temps.

We woke up Saturday morning to an entirely

new winter. A false winter had attacked us with eight inches of snow. Being true North Woods hardy souls, we went fishing anyway, and thankfully the trout cooperated, snow or no snow.

Then there was the year my dad walked out on two feet of ice on Plum Lake for an opening day of fishing in May. Through that layer of ice, he caught a 40-inch musky which he released, a 30-inch northern that he did not release, and a 24-inch walleye which also went in the frying pan.

Yet another false winter season is sometimes seen in September and October. In my seven-plus decades of life in this neck of the woods, I have endured false winter a goodly number of times.

There was an early autumn day one year when my oftentimes fishing partner and I planned a long hike in the Porcupine Mountains to reach the mouth of the Little Carp River where salmon were reportedly congregating in great numbers.

A week earlier on a nice day we had trudged four miles in and four miles out to fish the mouth of the Big Carp where we found coho salmon eager to attack our lures.

The trek to Little Carp was shorter, only three miles from our parking spot. While the Big Carp hike was a pleasant trip in 60-degree temperatures, we found ourselves wallowing through 12-inch deep snow cover to the Little Carp.

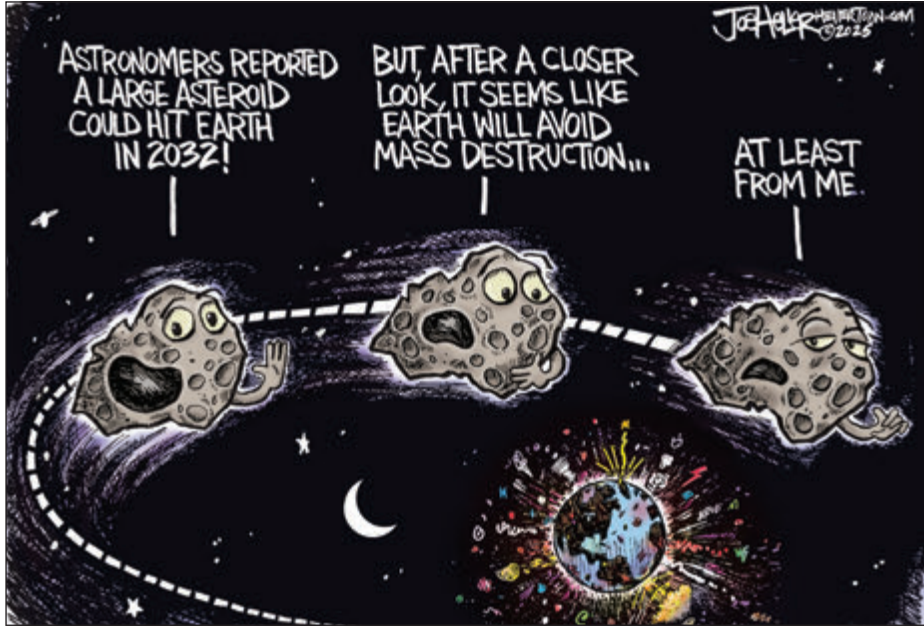
An unexpected snow-storm had covered our chunk of the U.P. the night before. Regardless of the snow, we made the hike, chafing our heels in stiff rubber wader boots and caught a bunch of pink salmon, smaller fish than the coho we caught the week before.

The only downer came when I hooked into a big chinook, a 20-pounder like the one my partner had caught a few days earlier. I fought a valiant fight for all of 10 seconds or so until it streaked past me on a screaming downstream run. My 8-pound-test monofilament line ran into a sharp-edged boulder sticking up out of the water, and just like that, the fight was over.

Nonetheless, snow or no snow, we handled that day of false winter, even as we fought our way back through the snow to my truck, a trek that seemed more like 10 miles than three through the boot-clinging snow.

I could go on and on about false seasons, knowing that even as I write this on a winter day that is full of wind and cold, a 60-degree day of false spring might well show up tomorrow, that day to most likely be followed by a day of heavy snow and cold, provided by a true winter that isn't quite ready to hang up its spurs just yet.

In the end, experience has taught me that you can never trust northern Wisconsin to experience a simple four-season year. False seasons abound.



Who pays for PFAS?

Governor, GOP lawmakers wrestle over cleanup liability

Democratic Gov. Tony Evers and Republican

Republicans of using farmers as “scapegoats” to constrain state authority.

His staff warned that if Republicans present the same proposal this session, Evers might veto it again.

Wimberger says Evers' staff has failed to respond to

his requests for an outline of innocent landowner exemptions Evers would support. Wimberger is now circulating two draft bills co-authored with state Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-Crivitz, that contain provisions virtually identical to the vetoed legislation. Those include grants for municipalities and owners of PFAS-contaminated properties.

The proposals also would limit the Department of Natural Resources' power to require property owners to pay for cleanups and extend liability exemptions to certain businesses and municipalities.

“The governor needlessly vetoed the plan over protections for innocent landowners,” Wimberger said in a statement. “Now, after delaying this relief for a year, he says he wants to protect innocent landowners. While it's encouraging

to see him change his mind, he is no champion for pollution victims.”

How does the state handle PFAS-contaminated farmland?

Wisconsin's spills law requires reporting and cleanup by parties that pollute air, soil or water, or if they discover contamination from a past owner. That is because, in part, allowing pollution to remain on the landscape could be more dangerous to human health than the initial spill.

The DNR has held parties liable for PFAS contamination they didn't cause, but also has exercised discretion by seeking remediation from past spillers instead of current property owners.

PFAS, short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a family of more than 12,000 compounds commonly found in consumer products like food wrappers, nonstick pans and raincoats, along with firefighting foam used to smother hot blazes. Some are toxic.

The chemicals pass through the waste stream and into sewage treatment plants, which commonly contract with farmers to accept processed sludge as fertilizer.

Testing is now unearthing PFAS on cropland from Maine to Texas. Several

hot spots are located in Wisconsin, too, among the more than 100 PFAS-contaminated case files the DNR currently monitors.

The agency maintains it has never, and has no plans to, enforce the spills law against a property owner who unknowingly received PFAS-contaminated fertilizer. But Republican lawmakers don't trust those promises.

How do the budget and draft bill proposals compare?

Evers' bill would exempt only residential and agricultural properties polluted with PFAS-contaminated sludge. Affected landowners would have to provide the DNR access to their property for cleanup and not worsen the contamination.

Evers' innocent landowner exemption would sunset by 2036.

Meanwhile, the Republican draft bills would prevent the DNR from enforcing the spills law when the responsible party qualifies as an innocent landowner, and allow the department to clean up its property at its own expense.

The first bill focuses on innocent landowner provisions, while the second, larger proposal, adds

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BONDED PAIR — Bald eagles are a unique bird in that they’re often monogamous, maintaining and being loyal to a single partner throughout their lives, and even keeping the same nests every year. —STAFF PHOTO

Savvy

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How much you can actually get through a reverse mortgage depends on your age (the older you are, the more you can get), your home’s value, and the prevailing interest rates. Generally, most people can borrow somewhere between 40 and 60% of the home’s value. To estimate how much you can borrow, use the reverse mortgage calculator at ReverseMortgage.org.

To receive your money, you can opt for a lump sum, a line of credit, regular monthly checks or a combination of these.

But be aware, reverse mortgages aren’t cheap. You’ll have to pay an origination fee, which is the greater of \$2,500 or 2% of the first \$200,000 of your

home’s value, plus 1% of the amount over \$200,000. HECM origination fees are capped at \$6,000.

You’ll also be charged an initial mortgage insurance premium, which is 2% of the loan amount, along with closing costs that will likely run several thousand dollars. Any amount you borrow, including these fees and insurance, accrues interest, which means your debt grows over time.

To learn more, see the National Council on Aging’s online booklet “Use Your Home to Stay at Home” at NCOA.org/article/use-your-home-to-stay-at-home.

Also be aware that because reverse mortgages are complex loans, all borrowers are required to get counseling through a HUD-approved independent counseling agency before

taking one out. Most agencies charge between \$125 and \$200. To locate one near you, visit Go.usa.gov/v2H, or call 800-569-4287.

Other Options

If a reverse mortgage doesn’t suit you, you could also tap your home equity by getting a regular home equity loan or line of credit. This type of borrowing requires you to make payments, and lenders can freeze or lower limits on lines of credit, but the borrowing costs are much lower. Or you could also sell your home and move somewhere cheaper.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior; P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of “The Savvy Senior” book.

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grant programs without specifying appropriations. Wimberger explained introducing two bills would “ensure the victims of PFAS pollution get the debate they deserve” and prevent Democrats from “playing politics” with PFAS funding and policy.

Unlike Evers’ budget proposal, the draft bills don’t release \$125 million in aid to PFAS-affected communities that have sat in a trust fund for 18 months.

The Legislature allocated the funds in the previous two-year budget, but its GOP-controlled finance committee hasn’t transferred the cash to the DNR.

Lawmakers in both parties have bristled over the languishing money, with Democrats contending the committee could transfer it

without passing a new law. The nonpartisan Wisconsin Legislative Council says lawmakers would be on “relatively firm legal footing” if they did so.

Republicans, meanwhile, say transferring the dollars without limiting DNR enforcement powers would not effectively help impacted landowners. They say the DNR could treat a landowner’s request for state assistance as an invitation for punishment.

The previous, vetoed bill garnered support from all three Wisconsin local government associations, but environmental groups, the DNR, and Evers said it shifted PFAS cleanup costs to taxpayers.

Environmental groups also feared Republicans on the finance committee would continue withholding the \$125 million, even if the legislation had advanced — protracting the

stalemate while weakening the DNR.

Nor would risking “unintended consequences” of weakening the spills law be worth \$125 million, which would scratch the surface of remediation costs, environmental critics said.

Expenses in Marinette County alone, which is coping with PFAS contamination linked to a firefighter training site owned by Johnson Controls International, already exceed that amount.

The Milwaukee Business Journal reported the company upped its reserves by \$255 million to finance the cleanup. With the increase, the company has recorded charges of about \$400 million since 2019.

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Elk

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sex) per person in their lifetime. Winners will be notified by early June.

Wisconsin residents can purchase an elk license application online through the Go Wild license portal or in person at a licensed sales agent. The application fee is \$10 and is limited to one per person. The DNR recommends that all applicants check and update their contact information

to ensure contact with successful applicants.

For each application fee, \$7 goes directly to elk management, monitoring and research. These funds also enhance elk habitat, which benefits elk and many other wildlife. If selected in the drawing, an elk hunting license costs \$49.

Before obtaining an elk hunting license, all winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter education course. The class covers Wisconsin elk history, hunting

regulations, biology, behavior, and scouting/hunting techniques.

The 2024 inaugural elk hunt in the Black River Elk Range was a success, with hunters harvesting four of the four-bull quota early in the season. Bull-only quotas and hunting have been provided every fall since 2018 in the Clam Lake Elk Range.

For more information on the elk hunt, visit the DNR’s elk hunting webpage at https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/elkhunting.

and reproduction rights agreements are available on the DNR’s Wildlife Stamp Funding and Stamp Design Contest webpage.

Stamp contest applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain insurance for their artwork if shipped, and to confirm the delivery of their submission directly with the stamp contest coordinator.

Pheasant – Robert Leum of Holmen

Waterfowl – Jon Rickaby of Suamico

All stamp contest applicants should review the contest rules carefully to ensure the eligibility of their entries. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be properly processed and prepared for judging and display. Rules, entry information,

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must be received or postmarked by Aug. 1, 2025. Judging will take place on August 23, 2025, at the Waterfowl Hunters Expo in Oshkosh, Wis.

The winners of the 2025 contests were:

Wild Turkey – Robert Leum of Holmen

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

A Moment In Time In Cartagena



Dear Reader,

Until recently, I had never been to Cartagena, Colombia. But when the opportunity arose for a short getaway with some old friends, I couldn’t resist.

Cartagena is a vast and vibrant city, but we focused our time in its historic district—the heart of its charm and beauty. There, we wandered cobblestone streets filled with pantomimes, women in brightly colored traditional dresses balancing baskets of fruit on their heads, and countless vendors offering souvenirs in the plaza. We explored the old fortress, visited the monastery perched high above the city, and soaked in the rich history surrounding us. Our home base was perfectly situated near Plaza de San Pedro, placing us right in the middle of the energy and magic of Cartagena.

One of the great joys of travel is meeting new people, and the locals of Cartagena welcomed us with open arms. With a few Spanish speakers in our group—and occasional help from Duolingo on our phones—we struck up conversations that made the experience even more meaningful. We indulged in

Colombia’s world-famous coffee, savoring the flavors offered by Juan Valdez and Alberto’s in just about every little café we encountered.

The highlight of our trip came on our final evening at La Vitrola, a restaurant as enchanting as the city itself. The food was spectacular, the live band filled the air with music, and the atmosphere was pure joy. One of our friends, having shown up in shorts, was graciously provided with a blanket to meet the dress code—an unexpected but amusing moment. After dinner, we found ourselves outside, singing along with street musicians playing soulful Spanish songs of lost love, carried away by the music and the moment.

As I reflect on our time in Cartagena, I realize that no trip leaves you unchanged. We came home with new memories and strengthened friendships. Perhaps, in some small way, we left a piece of ourselves behind in that beautiful city. And maybe, just maybe, Cartagena carries a trace of us now too.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



Winter’s delayed arrival surprised this robin, which lingered north after an extended fall ranwell into January. Photo taken Jan. 22, 2025. —Photo By Eric A Johnson

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Most notable in my mind was opening day on April 9, 1973, when 13.8 inches of wet, heavy snow fell over Milwaukee and paralyzed the city. Schools were closed for days and the blizzard-like winds whipped up incredible snow drifts up to our juvenile necks that my “Sandlot” friends and I at Beaver Creek Apartments turned into a massive network of tunnels that would’ve been the envy of Colonel Hogan and his P.O.W. “Heroes” at Stalag 13.

As it is, even

astronomical spring can be a little schizophrenic, especially in Wisconsin, where the season tends to delay its full-on stage right entrance until at least May downstate, or sometimes even into June in the North Woods. Evidently the observant Twain visited the Badger State during spring, astronomical spring — the only spring there was in Twain’s day.

Old Man Winter likes to grab hold for dear life in Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest in the spring, where the weather can bring a blizzard one day and twisters the next.

You can’t blame him, though. Old Man Winter was a little late to the party

this year. After popping his head in for a few days in mid-January, much to the ire of a much-surprised visiting robin in the midst of our extended autumn season, he finally shuffled in about mid-February this year, when I finally broke out the snow shovel, boots and Stormy Kromer.

Now that it’s spring, it’s winter.

But then again, I look at the 10-day forecast for my locale — three days of rain and highs of 39, 51, 50, 47, 41, 42, 42, 49, 53 and 64.

Now that it’s winter, it’s meteorological spring — maybe.

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Elcho Lake



NEW LISTING

- 4 BR/3 BA, 5,000 sq ft full log Chalet, soaring fireplace
- 295' sand frtg, 2.8 AC, 3 car detached garage
- Main floor master, family room with wet bar

\$1,495,000

MLS#210718

Arbor Vitae



NEW LISTING

- 3 BR/3 BA on 19 AC, 3440 sq ft
- 26 x 36 pole building, 2 car attached garage
- Trails, garden, cedar siding, privacy

\$499,900

MLS#210744

Towanda Lake



NEW LISTING

- 2 BR/1 BA, approximately 830 finished sq ft, Chalet
- 150' sand frtg, wooded, elevated, 3 AC lot
- 2 car detached garage, screened porch, updated

\$495,000

MLS#210478

Pelican Lake



NEW LISTING

- 2 BR/1 BA, 1878 sq ft full log cabin, loft
- 107' sand frtg, 1 AC, 2 car detached garage
- Lakeside heated/insulated porch, woodburning fireplace

\$425,000

MLS#210743

South Twin Lake




- 6.5 AC, cleared building site ready for plans
- 200' frtg, 2 BR/1 BA seasonal cabin
- Dry boathouse with sundeck, new landscaping

\$799,900

MLS#208495

Prentice




COMMERCIAL

- Commercial warehouse/storage
- 17,500 sq ft, heated
- Zoned I2 - Industrial

\$695,000

MLS#209115

Rhinelanders



COMMERCIAL

- Well established downtown cafe
- Charming dining area, custom coffee bar
- 2 BR apartment, outdoor seating, corner lot

\$595,000

MLS#208294

Little St. Germain Lake



COMMERCIAL

- 0.70 AC wooded lot w/cleared building site
- 95' sand frtg on recreational waters
- Western sunset views, bike trails nearby

\$399,900

MLS#210310

Second Lake




- 4+ AC, electric at private road
- 270+ frtg, covenants & restrictions
- Road maintenance agreement

\$299,000

MLS#210207

Mary Lake




- 2 BR/1 BA, 1084 sq ft seasonal cabin
- 139' frtg, lakeside deck, sunroom
- Woodburning fireplace, log siding, scenic

\$245,000

MLS#210423

Lincoln County



- 52 AC on Hwy 8 & Hwy 51
- Gravel approach in, hunting land
- Wooded, wetland/highland/creek

\$84,999

MLS#209554

Eagle River



- 1.587 AC wooded, buildable lot
- Private subdivision
- Nearby recreation trails

\$42,500

MLS#210073

Ironwood, Michigan



NEW LISTING

- 0.33 AC wooded lot w/road frtg on 3 sides
- Powderhorn Ski Hill is just up the hill
- Year-round rec opportunities available

\$14,900

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