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Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Secretary Missy Hughes visited Eagle River last Friday afternoon to announce that the city was named the 2024 Main Street of the Year. —Staff Photos By JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN

## WEDC Secretary Missy Hughes visits downtown locales

BY JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN  
NEWS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) has named Eagle River as the recipient of its 2024 Main Street of the Year award. This announcement comes after WEDC Secretary Missy Hughes paid a visit to the downtown Eagle River area last Friday following the 34th annual Wisconsin Main

## Eagle River named Main Street of the Year

Street Awards Ceremony in Menomonie on Thursday. The Main Street of the Year award recognizes Eagle River's efforts to become a thriving, historic and community-centered city where a "brighter future" is being crafted by the city's economic opportunity and local creativity. "You have some tremendous people working behind the scenes to make this place special, and I got to see the secret sauce that helps make this community come together," said Hughes. "You should be proud to be a part of this community." "The projects we've worked on — whether it's revitalizing spaces, expanding opportunities for

businesses or preserving our history — feel like common-sense efforts to make Eagle River a better place for everyone," said Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) Executive Director Margelofsky. "We never set out to win awards; we simply focus on what's best for our community." The ERRP's efforts include various revitalization projects in downtown Eagle River (such as opening the Rotary Square last summer), creating business opportunities for new, and young, business owners, being a go-to resource for business owners, hosting farmers and youth entrepreneur markets during the summer, as well as earning Eagle River

a listing on the National Historic Registry. "Eagle River has created a downtown that addresses today's needs, acknowledges the past, and looks to the future," Hughes said. "The result is a welcoming downtown where people want to spend time." "Each piece strengthens both downtown and the entire city, shaping Eagle River into a destination that inspires innovation, fosters deep community connections, and leaves a lasting impact on everyone who experiences it," Margelofsky said. After meeting with Young Entrepreneur Market (YEM!) students at City To WEDC Pg. 7



Medford native Adam Peterson drove his No. 3 Polaris ride to a pro class win on Friday night at the Hayes Brakes Snocross Nationals at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River last weekend. —Staff Photo By JACOB HEID

## Peterson, Kamm highlight pro division in special weekend of snocross racing

BY JACOB HEID  
SPORTS EDITOR

The World Championship Derby Complex was the place to be this past weekend as fans watched Adam Peterson and Kody Kamm, two Wisconsin natives, sweep the pro division's overall triple crown points races Friday and Saturday evening in Eagle River. Peterson, of Medford, attacked the technical track at the WCDC and took a second and two third-place finishes in Friday night's triple crown races to take his first-ever overall pro class win over second-place finisher and season points leader Emil Harr. Kamm, another Wisconsin native, ran three

consistent races to grab the win after taking advantage of other top riders who were all over the board throughout the night. It was Kamm's first pro class win since 2023. "The keyword for the weekend would be persevere. We worked through the weather and had six to eight feet of snow to work with, so we never got down to dirt," said WCDC CEO Tom Anderson. "We put on two great days of racing despite the rain and 50 degrees. The drivers enjoy racing at our track." Anderson also said that the event is already contracted out for next year during the same weekend as this year, with racers and

teams anxious to return to Eagle River. **Friday action** The pros kicked off the evening's festivities with their opening round of triple crown racing. Peterson had a hometown crowd, and took advantage of that early, as he held the lead for the first handful of laps. Harr waited for the perfect time to pass, doing so easily, and captured an easy round-one victory on his No. 31 Polaris. Peterson grabbed second, and Hunter Patenaude rounded out the top three. The second race for the pros was much of the same, with Harr looking like he'd To RACING Pg. 2



The Wisconsin DNR reminds the public to check fire conditions before burning — debris burning continues to be the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Wisconsin. —Photo By Wisconsin DNR

## DNR reminds public to remain wary of fire conditions as snow melts

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Following a brush fire in Brookfield in the southern part of the state earlier this month, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding the public to keep an eye on fire conditions before burning debris as snow begins to melt in the area. Spring is often considered wildfire season, as this is the time of year when everything melts and new vegetation hasn't had the chance to green up yet. The DNR asks that the public regularly check the fire conditions before doing any kind of outdoor burning. Nearly 170 wildfires have burned over 450 acres already this year, according to the DNR — four times more than a typical year at

this time. Following a recent forecast of dry weather, gusty winds, and lack of precipitation, fire officials anticipate that fire danger will be "on an upward wing" over the coming weeks. With the onset of the spring fire season and the forecasted conditions, fire officials have begun staffing fire equipment throughout Wisconsin. The main cause of wildfires this time of year is burning brush and leaf piles, and debris burning continues to be the primary cause of wildfires in Wisconsin. Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas anytime the ground is not completely snow-covered. Permit holders are authorized to burn To FIRE Pg. 3



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

LAST SEVEN DAYS

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Mar. 4	45	24	N/A
Wed., Mar. 5	46	25	N/A
Thurs., Mar. 6	55	22	N/A
Fri., Mar. 7	64	39	N/A
Sat., Mar. 8	55	24	N/A
Sun., Mar. 9	30	16	N/A
Mon., Mar. 10	48	25	N/A

ONE YEAR AGO

	Hi	Lo	Prec.
Mon., Mar. 4	60	29	None
Tues., Mar. 5	64	24	None
Wed., Mar. 6	60	22	None
Thurs., Mar. 7	51	16	None
Fri., Mar. 8	49	19	None
Sat., Mar. 9	43	26	None
Sun., Mar. 10	26	18	0.2" S

LAST YEAR

The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 29, while the average overnight low was 11. There was precipitation on seven days, measuring 1.4" of snow.

Comparison

Days of precipitation recorded since Jan. 1, 2025, 47 days; 2024, 33 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2025, 37; 2024, 44. Average low of past 30 days, 2025, 12; 2024, 17.

ICE CONDITIONS

This is the time of the year that begs caution. Most bodies of water are seeing anywhere from 15 to 25", depending on the lake and location. While this coming week doesn't look to be bringing too much really warm weather, conditions can change quickly. Stay vigilant and be very wary of areas with current, like close to the channels on the chain.

5-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday:	Watching a potential winter storm.	Hi:35	Lo:20
Thursday:	Times of sun and clouds.	Hi:40	Lo:24
Friday:	Considerable cloudiness.	Hi:50	Lo:18
Saturday:	Clouds giving way to sun.	Hi:38	Lo:17
Sunday:	Considerable cloudiness.	Hi:41	Lo:22

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NEWS

Wisconsin DMV, TSA urge travelers to verify ID documents

When enforcement of the REAL ID Act begins Wednesday, May 7, the regular Wisconsin driver license or ID may no longer be accepted identification for domestic air travel or to enter a federal building or military base.

Travelers will be asked to present a REAL ID compliant driver license or state ID card or another acceptable form of identification, such as a passport.

Earlier last week in Milwaukee, officials with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) encouraged travelers to confirm that the identity document they plan to use for travel is REAL ID ready. The most common document is a driver license

or ID and should have the REAL ID star in the upper right corner.

"Wisconsin has been issuing REAL ID compliant driver licenses and ID cards since January 14, 2013. With renewals required every eight years, all Wisconsin residents have had the option to convert to a REAL ID," DMV Administrator Tommy Winkler said.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is also urging travelers to review their documents.

"TSA strongly encourages everyone aged 18 and older to take an inventory of what forms of photo identification you have that are accepted by TSA. Doing so will ensure that you are prepared for the enforcement of REAL ID requirements starting May 7," Wisconsin TSA

Federal Security Director Mark Lendvay said. "With less than three months to go before the deadline, now is the time to make a plan for what you will use to verify your identity with TSA when traveling."

Wisconsin offers both a REAL ID compliant and noncompliant identity card. "Under state law, Wisconsin DMV provides both options," Winkler said. "Those who don't already have REAL ID designation should visit wisconsindmv.gov/REALID to learn how to obtain a REAL ID compliant DL or ID. You can start the application online, print out a checklist of required documents to present to a DMV, and make an appointment for service to make your trip as quick and convenient as possible."

Over 63% of Wisconsin's valid driver license or ID

cards currently display the REAL ID star, indicating they are federally compliant. In 2005, the federal REAL ID Act was passed by Congress to standardize state-issued driver licenses and ID cards to enhance security and prevent identity fraud.

For a personalized checklist of the required documents needed to bring to the DMV, check out the interactive Driver Licensing Guide. It also allows customers to pre-fill any required application(s), print and bring the forms, or submit them electronically (if eligible). Customers are also able to print a checklist of required documents to bring.

Visit wisconsindmv.gov/REALID for more information.

Racing

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sweep the evening after cruising to a round two victory. Patenaude swapped places with Peterson and finished second and third behind Harr.

It turned out to be anyone's race in round three after Harr front-flipped his sled early in the opening lap and took a 10th-place finish. Peterson and Patenaude were tied in points heading into the final round after trading second and third positions in the first two rounds. Lone Arctic Cat rider Jacob Yurk took advantage of that and won round three, with Peterson again in the bronze medal position. Harr's mishap in round three opened the door for Peterson to capture his first-ever pro class overall victory and added 25 points to his season total for the win.

In other action, Pro Lite rookie rider Cameron Cole spun a best lap of 30.970 in the final to capture his first Pro Lite class win.



Polaris rider and Wisconsin native Kody Kamm won Saturday night's pro triple crown festivities. It was his first pro class win since 2023.

Other Friday night winners included Inanna Hauger in the Women's Pro-Am class, Corin Todd in the Pro-Am Plus 30 class, and Vincenzo Diorio in the Stock 200s.

**Kamm's victorious**

It was finally time for Kody Kamm to get back on the top step of the podium

in Snocross. For the first time in two years, Kamm drove consistent races in all three triple-crown runs Saturday night, finishing in two fourth-place finishes and one second. Top riders in the first round, like Peterson and Harr, hit road bumps in the final two races and took fifth

and seventh overall. This comes after Harr swept the last three rounds in the pro class dating back to early February.

The tour hits its final stop of the season in Duluth, Minn., Friday through Sunday, April 4-6, where a champion in each class will be crowned.

Sno-Eagles meeting set Thursday

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club of Eagle River will conduct its March membership meeting on Thursday, March 20, at Eagle Waters Resort located at 3958 Eagle Waters Road in Eagle River.

Eagle Waters will offer a St. Patrick's Day buffet and spaghetti dinner from 5 - 7 p.m. at a cost of \$20 per person. A cash bar is available.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. Some agenda items include the annual elections, trail report, SAE Competition wrap-up, fundraising report, Groom to Ride and the Cash Raffle, volunteer opportunities, Sno-Eagles Night Out, Miss Sno-Eagle recruitment, membership report, social media report, VCSA update and BOD meetings update.

Open discussion will follow, and the meeting will close with a 50/50 raffle drawing.

The Sno-Eagles support the School Food Backpack program monetarily. The club's portion of the 50/50 drawing will be donated to this program in lieu of food items.

Club membership affords the opportunity to purchase the required Wisconsin snowmobile trail passes at a discounted rate through the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs.

The meeting is open to everyone, and potential members are welcome to attend.

The meeting will be live-streamed on the Sno-Eagles Facebook page at facebook.com/snoeaglesclub/

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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 Northland 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.

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NEWS



The Eagle River City Council unanimously approved for the Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) to submit a permit application to the Wisconsin DOT for approval to improve this Highway 45 trail crossing in Eagle River. —STAFF PHOTO

City Council OKs final project permit for Hwy. 45 crossing

**BY JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN NEWS EDITOR**

The Eagle River City Council unanimously agreed to support the Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) to finalize a permit application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) to begin work on the revamping of a multi-use crossing on Highway 45 in Eagle River.

ERRP Executive Director Karen Margelofsky was present at the Tuesday, March 11 meeting to provide an update on the state of grant and permit applications to the council, and also to ask for support from the council in submitting a final permit application that would allow work on the crossing to properly begin in implementing updates to the Highway 45 trail crossing. The permit, Margelofsky explained, requires approval from the city before submission.

The ERRP has previously applied for a Vibrant Spaces Grant through the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation worth \$25,000 to \$50,000, and Margelofsky said that the organization should know whether or not they will receive the funding within the next month or so.

“I believe (Highway 45) is an amazing corridor to show visitors to our community that we are a multi-trail system,” she said. “It’s a big part of our tourism impact.”

The crossing would service diverse user groups, such as cyclists, pedestrians, snowmobilers and UTV/ATV riders.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$126,900, and would include separate markings on the highway for cyclists/pedestrians and snowmobiles/ATVs/UTVs, and rapidly flashing beacons indicating the passing of users.

The project also includes a revamping of the east side of the crossing where there is an existing snowmobile trail and DOT-required fencing to include signage to downtown destinations, a public information board, and a bike service station. On the west side of the crossing, in the area of Riverview Park, there would be a four-panel kiosk used by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, Landover UTV/ATV Club, Great Headwaters Trails (GHT), and Eagle River Chain of Lakes Association, as well as charging stations for popular e-bikes and improved signage to the parking lot corridors to the Three Eagle Trail that travels to Three Lakes.

“Those flashing beacons are very effective,” said Alderman Vic Washelesky, who tuned in to the council meeting via Zoom call. “That’s a great thing to do there. I think that’s going to work really well.”

The angle that the crossing currently has will remain, according to Margelofsky, and not be straightened out during this process.

The crossing would be part of a project proposed by the River Trail Commission to construct a 10-mile bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting Eagle River and St. Germain. The River Trail would be a link to the popular 52-mile Heart of Vilas County Trail System.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church supports Praise in the Pines with donation

Praise in the Pines, the annual Christian music festival held at Northland Pines High School Field House, received a \$1,000 donation last week from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

The contribution will help bring a lineup featuring the iconic Christian rock band Newsboys to this year’s event.

The donation underscores the church’s dedication to nurturing faith and community through music. A representative from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church expressed excitement, saying, “I’m so excited about the Newsboys — they were a huge part of my faith formation growing up. I have seen them in person three times, and I am thrilled to see them live in my home area.”

While this support marks a significant step forward, Praise in the Pines organizers emphasized that more help is needed.

“We’re incredibly grateful to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,” an event spokesperson said, “but we still need other area churches to come on board to make this year’s show a success.”

The festival, known for its uplifting performances and communal spirit, relies on the generosity of local congregations to thrive.

With the backing of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Praise in the Pines is off to a strong start, but the call is out for additional support to ensure a memorable celebration of faith and music in Eagle River this year.

Praise in the Pines

Praise in the Pines is a one-day, family-friendly music fest dedicated to celebrating faith through music and inspirational speakers.

It was held at the Northland Pines High School Fieldhouse last summer and is slated to return to Eagle River on Saturday, July 19. The Christian rock band Newsboys is set to headline the event.

More information can be found by visiting [praisinthepines.org](https://praisinthepines.org).



Rev. Grant Van Lishout, from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (left) and Bill Lochte, president of Praise in the Pines (right). —Contributed Photo

Fire

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vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and needles, and are designed so that burning is done safely with minimal wildfire risk. Permits are free and can be obtained online or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876).

Once a burn permit has been obtained, the individual must call or go online after 9 a.m. on the day of the planned burn to check daily burn restrictions, such as the legal burning hours, size limitations, or if burning has been suspended for the day. Small campfires for warming or cooking do not require a burning permit.

Some areas of the state are not regulated by the DNR, so it’s important to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions.

Sparks from recreational equipment, campfires, and hot ashes from fireplaces are also contributing fire causes. Smoldering embers can remain hot for days, even weeks. If using a wood stove or fireplace, empty the ashes into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid or dump them onto bare soil. Then, drown the ashes with water and stir until the embers are completely cold.

The same goes for campfires, burn barrels, and burned leaf and brush piles. Before leaving the area, drown the ashes, stir, and keep adding water until all heat and smoke is gone.

Check current fire danger, wildfire reports, and burning restrictions on the DNR’s website at <https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/wisburn/#/BurnRestrictions>.

WPS Foundation expands tech college scholarships

\$25,000 available to high school seniors

The Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) Foundation is increasing funding for its technical college scholarships, awarding \$25,000 through this year’s program.

The WPS Foundation is now accepting applications for its 2025 technical college scholarships. Scholarships are awarded to help eligible students work toward completing a one-year technical diploma or two-year associate degree program.

**Legacy of opportunity**

The WPS Foundation’s technical college scholarships are part of its commitment to enhance education and support area students. The scholarships help graduating high school seniors continue their education at select Wisconsin technical colleges. Last year, the scholarships helped 25 students begin working toward careers in fields such as electric power distribution, engineering, human resources and information technology.

The WPS Foundation has donated more than \$6 million through all of its scholarship programs since it was founded in 1964, helping thousands of students pursue college degrees or technical diplomas.

**Scholarship details**

High school seniors living in the WPS service area can receive a technical college scholarship to attend one of six select technical schools full-time next fall: Fox Valley Technical College, Lakeshore Technical College, Mid-State Technical College, Nicolet Technical College, Northcentral Technical College and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College.

Interested students can apply for a WPS Foundation technical college scholarship on the foundation’s website at [wecenergygroup.com/community/wps-technical-college-scholarships](http://wecenergygroup.com/community/wps-technical-college-scholarships). Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, April 30.

Each scholarship awarded is for an average of \$750. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, school and community leadership activities, and financial need.

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# OBITUARIES

## Carole Brahm



Carole A. Brahm, age 82, passed away on March 2, 2025, at Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, Wis. from Stage 4 ovarian cancer with family by her side.

Carole was born on Feb. 10, 1943, in Clinton, Wis., to Steven and Thelma (Harris) Benkovic.

Carole graduated from Delavan-Darien High School and went on to receive her IBM certifications in Milwaukee.

Carole and Paul were united in marriage on Aug. 31, 1970, and celebrated 46 years of marriage before Paul's passing on Oct. 16, 2016. Together, they owned and operated their business, Sportsman's Park, a Yamaha dealership and restaurant, on Delavan Lake from 1970 until they sold the business in 2000.

After selling the business, Paul and Carole "retired" Up North to their second home in Eagle River. Upon her "retirement," Carole started working at the St. Germain Golf Club in St. Germain, Wis., where she ran Mulligan's Snack Shop. Having worked there for 23 plus years, staff and members all knew and loved Carole deeply—her absence will be felt immensely amongst the community.

Having owned a Yamaha dealership, Carole enjoyed snowmobiling with her husband, Paul, friends, and family. They would ride local trails or take trips to the Upper Peninsula and Canada. Carole loved to travel; whether it was personal vacations or trips for Yamaha, she and Paul always had a great time. One of their favorite places to go were the Smoky Mountains, especially Clingman's Dome.

Many people knew Carole for her style, particularly her hats, which she always had on. One day she wore a hat and Paul told her she looked good in hats and that was it—her hat collection continued to grow. Often, you would see her cruising around in her Mini Cooper with one of her hats on.

Carole was an incredible woman—feisty and strong, but kind and empathetic. She lived by the Golden Rule and always treated others as she would want to be treated. She had this incredible gift of remembering names and faces, it didn't matter who you were—a clerk at the store, a member on the golf course, or a customer of hers from 45 years ago—and she befriended all.

She is survived by her three sons, Dean Prater of Darien, Wis., Timothy (Susan) Brahm of Darien, Wis., and Theodore (Mary) Brahm of Adell, Wis.; three grandchildren, Christopher (Molly) Brahm, Wade Prater, and Amy Prater; great-granddaughter, Mabel Brahm; brother, Roger (Nancy) Benkovic of Georgetown, TX; cousins; nieces; nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews; and her many family members on the Brahm side as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steven and Thelma Benkovic; her husband, Paul Brahm; sister, Nina Benkovic; brothers, Steven Benkovic and Sterling Zweifel.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Eagle River, Wis. and in Delavan, Wis. at a later date. To be notified, please follow her Caring Bridge page where dates and details will be posted using the link below and search Carole Brahm: [www.caringbridge.org/search](http://www.caringbridge.org/search)

Rembs Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent online at [www.rembsfh.com](http://www.rembsfh.com)

PAID OBITUARY

## John (Jack) Lapp



John (Jack) Lapp "Minnow" 96, a lifelong resident of Land O' Lakes, died on March 8, 2025.

Jack was born in Phelps to Robert and Florence Lapp on Dec. 25, 1928.

He married Dolores Ott on Nov. 27, 1948. Their marriage lasted 67 years, until her death.

Jack was a professional fishing guide for over 65 years and instilled a love of fishing to his family, friends, and clients. "He knew all the hot spots!"

As a young man he also enjoyed working in the woods as a logger. In his later years he spent his winters in Florida with Dolores, fishing and crabbing. During the summers in Land O' Lakes he enjoyed gardening and sharing fresh vegetables with family and friends.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Dolores Lapp; one son, John Lapp Jr.; daughter-in-law, Colleen Lapp; grandson, James; brothers, Bob, Dick, Don; and parents, Robert (Florence) Lapp. He is survived by two sons, Jim (Joan), Land O' Lakes, and Jeff, Sebastian, Fla.; daughter, Gail (Gregg) Mallick, Land O' Lakes; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Per Dad's request, there will be no service, but there will be a shore lunch and fishing day for the family in the summer. Hildebrand Funeral Home served the family.

## Peter Wallner



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Peter A. Wallner, on March 5, 2025, at the age of 90.

He was born on Nov. 25, 1934, in Milwaukee, Wis.

A proud veteran, Dad served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Toul, France, where his love for travel began.

Over the years, he explored much of Europe, the United States, and Canada. Dad was happiest with a map in hand and a car on the open road, finding joy in every detour and hidden gem along the way. He passed on his love of travel to his children and grandchildren, teaching them to embrace the world of travel and explore their roots.

Dad was married for 51 wonderful years to his beloved wife, Jean, who preceded him in death in 2009. Together, they raised a family and shared a life full of love and memories.

Quite the athlete in his youth, he Lettered in basketball, football, and track at West Milwaukee High School. Later, Dad developed a love of golf, a sport he and Jean adored, playing courses in Palm Springs and Scotland. But nothing brought Dad more joy than cheering from the sidelines at his kids' and grandkids' games. Whether it was a little league match, high school championship, or driving across the country for a college football game, he was the loudest and proudest supporter.

Dad's career spanned 28 years with ABF Freight, starting in Milwaukee and taking the family to New York, Canada, Michigan, and California. After retiring, he settled in Three Lakes, Wis., where he enjoyed fishing on Thunder Lake, and planning trips to Scotland and Austria—two of his favorite destinations.

He is survived by his loving children, Bryan (Carolyn) Wallner, Neil (Denise) Wallner, and Dawn (Andy) Eig.

He was predeceased by his cherished daughter, Jill Ludloff. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren, Dani (Chris), Bryan, Lyla, Audrey, Peter, Alyssa, Oliver, Mason, and Lucy.

A service celebrating his life will be held this summer, at a time to be determined in Three Lakes.

PAID OBITUARY

## Richard "Dick" Carr



Richard "Dick" Carr passed away peacefully on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the age of 92.

Richard was born in Iron Mountain, Mich. on March 21, 1932, the son of the late Arthur J. and Ann M. (nee Paradiso) Carr.

Dick entered the U.S. Navy at the age of 17, serving during the Korean War, and continued to serve his country and community throughout his non-military career.

Dick enjoyed playing golf with his Easy Eagles Group, fishing, walking in the woods, slot machines, playing cards with friends, volunteering his time to assist anyone who asked, and he enjoyed time spent with family and friends at their summer cabin.

Dick is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Mary; children, Cindy (Bob) Johnson, Susan (Peter) Konz and Michael (Becki) Carr; sister, Joann (Barry) Smeester Hartman; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, numerous nephews; nieces; other relatives; and many friends.

Private family services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Wisconsin.

PAID OBITUARY

## Thomas "Tom" Goehe



Thomas J. Goehe, affectionately known as Tom, age 67, of Watersmeet, Mich., passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, March 1, 2025, after a short but courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on June 3, 1957, in Rhineland, Wis. Tom was the middle

child of Carl (Phyllis) Goehe and grew up in Eagle River, where he became a well-known figure in the community. Throughout his life, he owned various successful businesses, most notably his Polaris dealership called "Trailbusters," which thrived for many years due to dedication and passion for snowmobiles and racing.

Tom was a man of many hobbies, with a love for trapping, fishing, and hunting. However, his greatest joy came from spending time with his family, especially during camping trips. He cherished his three children and eight grandchildren, whom he loved with all his heart.

Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Michelle; his sons, Thomas "TC" (Lauren) and Beau (Tricia); his daughter, Laurin (Colton) Borowski; and eight grandchildren, Charlie, Natalie, McKenzie, Legend, Landon, Abbi, Letty and Jade.

A celebration of life held in Tom's honor will be held May 3, 2025, at the Gateway Lodge in Land O' Lakes from 1-3 p.m. Family and Friends are invited to join in on remembering a remarkable man who touched the lives of so many.

PAID OBITUARY

## George Camarda



George L. Camarda of Three Lakes died on March 7, 2025. He was 93.

Mr. Camarda was born in Rockford, Ill. on July 30, 1931.

Mr. Camarda is a Marine Veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Camarda and his wife owned a successful interior design store for 21 years in Racine, WI.

They later retired to Arkansas to golf and love life.

Mr. Camarda is survived by his daughters, Celia Schwarm, Ann Mangold, Annette Camarda; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Mary Patrica Camarda.

A memorial service was held Tuesday March 18, 2025, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Three Lakes, WI.

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

## NOTICE: Obituary policy

Death notices that appear in this space weekly are written and/or edited for content and consistency by assistant editors of the Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News. Obituaries written in the paper's standard format are printed at no charge. Unedited obituaries written by the family may be printed for a fee, either in the obituary column or in smaller type with a border. For more information, call (715) 479-4421.

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NEWS



WOUNDED WARRIORS — The Eagle River Veteran’s Resource Center recently donated \$1,600 to Wounded Warriors in Action Eagle River. Pictured, from left to right, are Bill Jacobs, WWIA Guide and Vets Center Finance Chair; Rusty Wolf, Vets Center Organization Chair; Denny Geiseman, Vets Center President; and Sarah Simac, Vets Center Executive Vice President. For 11 years WWIA has been bringing combat-wounded Purple Heart Vets to Eagle River for a guided fishing adventure. All expenses are covered by area businesses, organizations and individuals. This year’s event takes place September 25-28. —Contributed Photo

Vilas County court report

Lac du Flambeau man sentenced on multiple felonies

Joel Cobb, 46, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded guilty to two felony charges in two cases, including possession of child pornography and methamphetamine possession at a plea/sentencing hearing last week in Vilas County Circuit Court. Four other felony possession of child pornography charges were dismissed but read into the record for sentencing in the methamphetamine possession case. Cobb was sentenced to one year of confinement in the Wisconsin Prison System and two years of extended supervision with conditions for the methamphetamine possession. He was sentenced to three years of confinement and another three years

of extended supervision with conditions for the child pornography charge. Conditions include registering with the sex offender registry and other conditions deemed appropriate by his agent. Cobb was also sentenced in another case involving two more felony charges of child pornography possession and one felony bail-jumping charge. Jonathan Slizewski, 45, of Eagle River, pleaded not guilty to all counts in two cases involving three felony charges. The charges included methamphetamine possession and bail jumping in one case, and narcotic drug possession in another. A judicial pretrial was set for May 20, at 11 a.m. Salena Chapman, 33, of Lac du Flambeau, was sentenced to three years of probation with conditions on one felony charge of

child neglect after Judge Daniel Overbey withheld her sentence for probation. There were three days of credit in the case of revocation. Shantel Turney, 30, of Woodruff, pleaded guilty to two separate charges in two cases last week at a plea hearing. She pleaded guilty to one felony charge of possession with intent of amphetamines/methamphetamine in one case and one felony count of methamphetamine possession. Five other felony charges were dismissed but read in. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 9 at 2 p.m. Nikolas Tries, 56, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded guilty to a seventh-offense felony OWI charge last week at his plea/sentencing hearing. Another felony charge was dismissed but read into the record for sentencing.

Judge Daniel Overbey sentenced Tries to three years and three months of confinement and another three of extended supervision. Tries will also pay a \$500 fine and costs totaling \$1,793. There will also be six years and three months of an ignition interlock device and license revocation. Samantha Mendez, 36, of West Allis, pleaded not guilty to one felony count of possession with intent - fentanyl at her preliminary hearing last week. A judicial pretrial was set for May 27 at 11:15 a.m. Ivan Scharbrough, 45, of Tomahawk, pleaded not guilty to one felony count of interfering with custody, beyond visitation, at an arraignment hearing last week. A judicial pretrial was scheduled for April 23 at 2:30 p.m.

POLICE REPORT

Vilas County Sheriff

The Vilas County Sheriff’s Office reported a total of 163 incidents last week, which included 10 911 hang-ups, six car versus deer accidents, two property damage accidents, two agency assists, five burglary alarms, four ambulance requests, two dog bites, one animal problem, three attempts to locate, one ATV complaint, nine conditions of bond, one child neglect report, seven citizen assists, one citizen problem, one criminal damage to property, two death investigations, one disorderly conduct, three deer in roadway, five disturbances, two domestic violence complaints, three drug problems, six sick leaves, two structure fires, one fraud, one harassment, four warrant confirmations, 19 information reports, one employee injury on duty, one intoxicated person, two juvenile problems, one lifeline alarm, one lockout, two lost properties, one obstructing police, one drug overdose, one OWI, one protection order, one parole violation,

one vacation check, one officer assist, three subject removals, three suicide attempts, seven suspicious circumstances, one theft, one threat, four hazards, 11 traffic violations, one transport to court, two transport warrants, one trespass, one utility problem and nine welfare checks. A total of 34 people were taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Eagle River Police

The Eagle River Police Department failed to submit a report before the press deadline for this week’s publication.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported a total of 51 incidents last week, which included two 911 calls, one alarm, two ambulance requests, one animal problem, two motorist assists, 29 business checks, one gunshot, one harassment, one welfare check, one narcotics violation, one background check, one theft and eight traffic stops.

Arbor Vitae Fire Department extinguishes rooftop blaze

Emergency services were called to a home at 9837 Lake Road in Arbor Vitae after they reported their roof being on fire a little after 4 a.m. Tuesday, March 11. Vilas County Sheriff’s deputies arrived on location and discovered heavy smoke and what appeared to be a fire in the attic of the residence. The

occupants were assisted out of the residence to safety. The Arbor Vitae Fire Department arrived at the location and quickly extinguished the fire. They were assisted by the Woodruff Fire Department, St. Germain Fire Department, Med 5, and the Vilas County Sheriff’s Office.

REAL ESTATE

- March 6, 2025**  
Estate of Sally J. Gibbs and Personal Representative Steven J. Gibbs to Martin Gibbs and Patricia Gibbs, SW NE in 36-40-8, \$840.  
Black Bear Lodge LLC to William R. Koehler and Lori A. Koehler, unit 13 of plat 715 in Black Bear Lodge Condominium, \$1,200.
- March 7, 2025**  
Bart W. Maxwell Jr. to David P. Price and Sarah Price, lot 1 of plat CSM5728, NW NW in 4-42-10, gov lot 6 in 33-43-10, lots 1-2 of plat 168 in Lake Charlotte Cabin Sites, gov lot 2 in 5-42-10, and lots 1-2 of plat CSM5707, \$660.  
Michael G. Melby to Patrick
- Wielgosh, gov lot 1 in 3-42-11, and gov lot 1 in 10-42-11, \$2,250.  
**March 10, 2025**  
Joseph Thomas Mrnak and Amber Marie Mrnak to Jonathan H. Koenig and Melissa E. Love Koenig, gov lot 3 in 13-43-7, \$726.  
Kennedy Shoreline LLC to Ryan
- S. Mersch, gov lot 3 in 6-43-6, \$2,925.  
**March 11, 2025**  
Dylan E. Manger and Alison A. Manger to Ferrell Family Trust 05/12/07, lot 2 of plat CSM5639, gov lot 2 in 31-40-11 and lots 30-34 of plat 92 in Everetts Resort, \$3,450.  
**March 12, 2025**  
Doug C. Freidag and Mary P. Freidag to Greatland WI LLC, NW NE and SW NE in 2-40-8, \$322.50.  
Scott J. Peterson to 1640 McKinley LLC, lots 43-45 in block 1 of plat 222 in Oliver Park, \$2,250.

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**Health Care 7115**  
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**Skilled Trades 7175**  
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**Skilled Trades 7175**  
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**Miscellaneous Services 7374**  
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**NOTICE MINOCQUA POLICE DEPT. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER**

Minocqua Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Community Service Officer. This position is a civilian position and is classified as a limited term employee, non-sworn position, responsible for performing downtown parking enforcement and foot patrol duties. All duties and responsibilities are performed under and subject to the review and guidance of the Lieutenant of Police.

Qualified applicants must be 18 years of age; U.S. citizen; high school graduate or equivalent; have prior experience and knowledge of computers; and the ability to work varied hours. Applicant must be self-motivated and able to work independently.

The hours of the position will be full-time from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with part-time hours for the month of May and September. The full-time and part-time hours will vary with applicant required to work days, evenings, weekends and holidays. The pay for this position is \$17.00 per hour.

Please return applications to the Minocqua Police Department, ATTN: Jason Benbenek, 418 E. Chicago Ave., P.O. Box 346, Minocqua, WI 54548. Application packets with a complete job description are available for pick up at the department 24 hours a day, or can be mailed to you upon request. Please call Jason at 715-356-3234 or email [jbenbenek@minocquapd.gov](mailto:jbenbenek@minocquapd.gov) to request an application packet.

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Qualified applicants must be 18 years of age; U.S. citizen; high school graduate or equivalent; no experience is necessary, training provided, however preferred candidates should have Dispatching, EMS, fire service, switchboard operations or radio communications preferred; ability to use computers and computer aided technology; and the ability to work varied hours.

Applicant must have the ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations; maintain confidentiality; to work with others in a fast-paced environment; and have adequate keyboarding and listening skills. The selection process may include a keyboarding test, listening skills test, and oral interviews. Qualified applicants will be subject to a background investigation, drug screen, and psychological profile evaluation.

The full-time position wage is \$20.25 per hour. The successful candidate will be required to work nights, evenings, weekends and holidays as shift scheduling dictates. Application packets are available for pick up at the Minocqua Police Department, 418 E. Chicago Avenue or can be mailed upon request. Please call the Department at 715-356-3234 or email Jackie Kortenof, at: [jkortenof@minocquapd.gov](mailto:jkortenof@minocquapd.gov) to request an application.

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**NOTICE MINOCQUA POLICE DEPT. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BOAT PATROL OFFICER**

Minocqua Police Department is accepting applications for the position of Boat Patrol Officer. This is a sworn police officer position performing law enforcement duties and functions on the waters of the Minocqua chain of lakes in accordance with State Statutes and local ordinances.

Qualified applicants must be a U.S. citizen; high school graduate; minimum of 60 college credits from an accredited university; eligibility for Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Certification; ability to possess a firearm; prior experience and knowledge of computers; and the ability to work varied hours. Applicant must be self-motivated and able to work independently.

The hours of the position will be full-time from Memorial Day through Labor Day, with part-time hours for the month of May and September. The full-time and part-time hours will vary with applicant required to work days, evenings, weekends and holidays. The pay for this position is \$22-\$25 per hour base on experience.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/12-3/26/25)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN -  
CIRCUIT COURT- VILAS COUNTY  
Civil Claim Publication  
Summons and Notice  
2025CV000015  
Honorable Daniel L. Overbey  
Branch 2  
Summit Credit Union  
1709 Landmark Dr.  
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vs  
Todd Kapke  
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Janesville, WI 53545  
(608) 237-1775

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City Legals7710

**SAINT GERMAIN**  
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enue, Dallas TX 75211/1597 S Shore,  
St Germain WI 54558  
June Vogel  
St Germain Town Clerk

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BID NOTICE

**General Notice**  
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Project #00088117  
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the construction of Silver Lake Road Reconstruction until **11:00 AM on**  
**March 27, 2025.** All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud  
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of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on  
how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.  
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1,150 TON Asphaltic Concrete Pavement  
1,300 L.F. Concrete Curb & Gutter  
7,680 S.F. Concrete Sidewalk  
500 L.F. Sawcut Asphalt Pavement  
3,150 L.F. Epoxy Pavement Marking  
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execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the  
award of the contract. The certified check or bid bond will be returned  
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Phil Kriesel, Project Manager  
715-362-3244  
450244

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Meetings and Public Hearings7720

**SAINT GERMAIN**  
(Two weeks 3/19-3/26/25)  
NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT  
REQUEST  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the  
Zoning Committee of the Town of St.  
Germain will conduct a public  
hearing at 5:30 PM on Wednesday,  
April, 2, 2025, in the St. Germain  
Community Center Room #4, pur-  
suant to Section 1.606(b) of Chapter  
1- Zoning, Town of St. Germain Code  
of Ordinances, to consider a  
Conditional Use Permit application  
submitted by:  
Kyle Szott  
Vilas County land parcel 24-2502  
1196 Old Hwy 70  
St. Germain, WI 54558  
To construct a 34'x44' (1496 sq. ft.)  
accessory building for storage of per-  
sonal items.  
The Zoning Committee will deliber-  
ate the disposition of the CUP ap-  
plication following the public hearing.  
Public observation and participation  
will be enabled virtually via Zoom.us  
using:  
Meeting ID 86993637838 and  
Passcode 482522  
In lieu of attending live or virtually,  
persons wishing to submit written  
comments to the Town Clerk may do  
so by letter to P.O. Box 7, St.  
Germain, WI 54558 or by email to  
[june.vogel@stgermainwi.gov](mailto:june.vogel@stgermainwi.gov) Written  
comments must be received by the  
Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, Monday  
March 31, 2025 to be considered at  
the public hearing.

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Minutes7725

**CITY OF EAGLE RIVER**  
(One week 3/19/25)  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2025  
A meeting of the Common Council  
of the City of Eagle River was called  
to order at 6:00PM by Mayor Jeff Hys-  
lop.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by  
Dan Dumas and was recited by all  
present.  
Roll Call: Dan Dumas, Kim Schaffer,  
Vic Washelesky and Jerry Burkett  
were present via Zoom. Also in  
attendance: Robin Ginner, Becky  
Bolte, Adam Ross, Mike Adamovich,  
Tony Sable, and Mike Sanborn. Chris  
Dobbs present via Zoom.  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas  
to approve the agenda in any order.  
Carried, all.  
Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Schaffer  
to approve the minutes of the 2/11/25  
Finance Committee and Common  
Council meetings, with correction to  
Finance Committee Financial Review  
title: corrected to include December  
AND January. Carried, all.  
**Street Closing/temporary sign/ampli-**  
**fication/display of goods permits:**  
Eagle River Lions Club: Sausage  
Fest: Amplifying Device/Temporary  
Signs/ No parking areas, Aug 31,  
2025 11:00AM – 4:00PM with setup  
and breakdown from August 27 –  
September 2, 2025. Motion by Dumas,  
2nd by Washelesky to approve the  
Eagle River Lions Club Sausage Fest  
permit as presented. Carried, all.  
Eagle River Area Chamber of Com-  
merce: 2025 Events  
Memorial Day Arts and Crafts Show  
and Sidewalk Sales – May 25 / Up  
North Beer Fest – June 13-14 / Sip-N-  
Suds Shop and Stroll – June 21 / 4th  
of July Parade – July 4 / Parade  
Application / 4th of July Party in the  
Street – July 4 / Burger Bash - July 19  
/ National Championship Musky Open  
– August 14 – 17 / Eagle River Car  
and Truck Show – August 23 / Labor  
Day Arts and Crafts Show and  
Sidewalk Sales – August 31 /  
September Timber Ride – September  
13 / Cranberry Fest – Farmers Market

**Minutes7725**  
878. After disclosing that she has re-  
searched this property at her job at  
Northwoods title with no objections,  
Schaffer presented the Planning  
Commission recommendations. Mo-  
tion by Schaffer, 2nd by Burkett to  
adopt Ordinance 592, Annexing terri-  
tory, Tammy Rabenberg and Kyle  
Schneider, 1.46 acres located at 4412  
East Wall Street from the Town of Lin-  
coln into the City of Eagle River, Vilas  
County, Wisconsin as recommended  
by the Planning Commission. Carried  
on a roll call vote. Ayes: Schaffer,  
Burkett, Washelesky, Dumas Nays  
None.  
Motion by Washelesky, 2nd by  
Dumas to approve Premier Eagle  
River, LLC presented architectural  
and lighting site plans for Phase 2 of  
a multi-family housing complex con-  
sisting of up to 48 units, on Parcel  
#221-1060-05 as recommended by the  
Planning Commission. Carried on a  
roll call vote. Ayes: Washelesky,  
Dumas, Schaffer Nays: None Abstain-  
ing: Burkett  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas  
to accept the Planning Commission  
recommendation and approve  
amendment to September 2024,  
Farmers Market shed placement, to  
the area where the existing sign is lo-  
cated, on City property across from  
606/622 N Michigan pending the mov-  
ing of the Farmers Market sign to the  
city property used for the farmers  
market at the end of Ohio Street. Car-  
ried on a roll call vote, all.  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas  
to accept the Planning Commission  
recommendation and approve the  
selling concept of city parcel #221-  
457 after confirmation of sale, in two  
parts, functioning as an extension  
of lots 13 and 14 respectively of the  
Lake Park Addition subdivision and  
each part shall not be sold independ-  
ently or function independently of  
lots 13 and 14. Discussion. Carried  
on a roll call vote, all.  
**Golf Course:** Golf Pro Tony Sable pre-  
sented a written report on staffing  
and upcoming need for cart replace-  
ment. The golf course is gearing up  
for the season. Burkett asked about  
the lifting of the clubhouse with Ginner  
stating that the lift is completed.  
Electrical and fans/vents on roof are  
still to be addressed.  
**Deed Restriction for Indiana/Hospital**  
**Road Parcel approved for sale**  
**February 11, 2025** No action to  
remove the previously approved  
restrictions.  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas  
to approve payment of the bills for  
the city and the golf course as rec-  
ommended by the Finance Commit-  
tee. Carried on a roll call vote. Ayes:  
Schaffer, Dumas, Washelesky. Nays:  
None Abstaining: Burkett  
**Treasurer's monthly update:** Hoff-  
mann provided a written report.  
**Police Department:**  
Chief Dobbs provided a current  
activity report and monthly reports  
were provided by Assistant Chief  
Ross and Chief Dobbs.  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas  
to approve up to \$160.00 for the re-  
placement of patrol vehicles, vehicle  
equipment, equipment installation,  
squad mounted cameras, and body  
cams. Carried on a roll call vote, all.  
Motion by Dumas, 2nd by Washe-  
lesky to approve the implementation  
of traffic education classes as an al-  
ternative to court appearances for  
those offenses that meet eligibility re-  
quirements and conditions. Carried  
on a roll call vote, all.  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Washe-  
lesky to approve Letter of Agreement  
as presented between the City of  
Eagle River and the Eagle River Pro-  
fessional Police Association, regard-  
ing the annual base hours and eighty  
hour pay periods as presented. Car-  
ried on a roll call vote, all.  
**Administrator's monthly update on**  
**activities of all departments:** Ginner  
provided a written report adding Nor-  
vado was at City Hall to do an audit of  
the phone system, reporting that the  
city's phone system is no longer sup-  
ported and we are looking at the 2026  
budget cycle for replacement. Ginner  
also reported that the Eagle River  
Pickleball Association has withdrawn  
their request for property use behind  
City Hall for pickleball courts.  
**Clerk's monthly update:** Bolte pro-  
vided a written report.  
n) Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Dumas  
to approve presented city facilities  
cleaning contract for Mary Wick.  
Carried on a roll call vote, all.  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Dumas to  
adjourn at 7:20PM. Carried, all.  
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3761  
**WNAXLP**

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**Name Change7730**  
**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  
2749  
**WNAXLP**  
**Notice To Creditors7735**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/12- 3/26/25)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY  
-PROBATE-  
Notice Setting Time  
to Hear Application and  
Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 25-PR-9  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JOHN PAUL KARNER, JR  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal admin-  
istration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth  
01/11/1960 and date of death  
02/04/2025 was domiciled in Vilas  
County, State of Wisconsin, with a  
mailing address of 5221 Balsam Lane  
South, Eagle River, WI 54521.  
3. The application will be heard at  
the Vilas County Courthouse, 330  
Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin,  
Room Probate Office, before Dawn  
Halverson, Probate Registrar, on  
April 2, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.  
You do not need to appear unless  
you object. The application may be  
granted if there is no objection.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim  
against the decedent's estate is June  
6, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas  
County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wis-  
consin, Room Probate Office.  
6. This publication is notice to any  
persons whose names or address are  
unknown.  
/s/ Dawn Halverson  
Probate Registrar  
March 4, 2025  
Attorney Timothy B. Melms  
Address  
7520 Hwy 51 S., Suite A  
Minocqua, WI 54548  
715-365-1008  
Bar Number  
1021201  
3752  
**WNAXLP**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/19-4/2/25)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY  
-PROBATE-  
Notice Setting Time to  
Hear Application and  
Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 25-PR-15  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ROBERT F. BAUER  
DOD: 01/15/2025  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal admin-  
istration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth  
06/11/1933 and date of death  
01/15/2025 was domiciled in Vilas  
County, State of Wisconsin, with a  
mailing address of 6233 W.  
Buckatabon Road, Conover, WI  
54519.  
3. The application will be heard at  
the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle  
River, Wisconsin, Room Probate  
Office, before Dawn Halverson,  
Probate Registrar, on April 16, 2025 at  
9:00am.  
You do not need to appear unless  
you object. The application may be  
granted if there is no objection.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim  
against the decedent's estate is June  
20, 2025.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas  
County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wis-  
consin, Room Probate Office.  
6. This publication is notice to any  
persons whose names or address are  
unknown.  
/s/ Dawn Halverson  
Probate Registrar  
March 13, 2025  
Nick G. Cirilli  
116 E. Davenport St., Rhineland, WI  
54501  
715-369-3443  
Bar Number (If any)  
1101541  
3763  
**WNAXLP**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/19-4/2/25)  
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. 25PR8  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JAMES C. RUDBSTROM  
DOD: 4/23/2024  
A Petition for Formal Administration  
was filed.  
THE COURT FINDS:  
The decedent, with date of birth  
11/1/1942 and date of death 4/23/2024  
was domiciled in Country of Sweden  
with a mailing address of Ljusmin-  
neshatan 1, Vilhelmina, Sweden.  
THE COURT ORDERS:  
1. The Petition be heard at the Vilas  
County Courthouse, 330 Court Street,  
Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room  
1/branch 1, before Circuit Court  
Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner  
Honorable Martha Milanowski, on  
April 3, 2025 at 9:15 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 June  
13, 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 accommo-  
dations due to a disability to partici-  
pate 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/ Martha J. Milanowski  
Circuit Court Judge  
March 8, 2025  
☒ Please check with person named  
below for exact time and date.  
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz  
Garbowicz Law Office  
221 S First St, PO Box 639  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715.479.6444  
Bar Number  
1018485  
3757  
**WNAXLP**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/19-4/2/25)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY  
-PROBATE-  
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims

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**Notice To Creditors7735**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/12- 3/26/25)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY  
-PROBATE-  
Notice Setting Time  
to Hear Application and  
Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 25PR13  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
MICHAEL K. FINN  
DOD: 2/1/2025  
A Petition for Formal Administration  
was filed.  
THE COURT FINDS:  
The decedent, with date of birth  
8/25/1951 and date of death 2/1/2025  
was domiciled in Vilas County, State  
of Wisconsin, with a mailing address  
of 5076 W 5TH 70, Eagle River, WI  
54521.  
THE COURT ORDERS:  
1. The Petition be heard at the Vilas  
County Courthouse, 330 Court Street,  
Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room  
1/branch 2, before Circuit Court  
Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner  
Honorable Daniel Overbey, on  
4/3/2025 at 11:00 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 June  
13, 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 no-  
tice to any persons whose names or  
addresses are unknown.  
If you require reasonable accommo-  
dations due to a disability to partici-  
pate 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  
March 11, 2025  
☒ Please check with person named  
below for exact time and date.  
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz  
Garbowicz Law Office  
221 S First St, PO Box 639  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715.479.6444  
Bar Number  
1018485  
3756  
**WNAXLP**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
(Three weeks 3/5-3/19/25)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY  
-PROBATE-  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 25PR07  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
Bobbie Jean Schmidt  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal admin-  
istration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth  
July 9, 1946 and date of death De-  
cember 18, 2024, was domiciled in  
VILAS County, State of WI, with a  
mailing address of P.O. Box 266  
Eagle River, WI 54521 and 5824 Co.  
Rd. G Eagle River, WI 54521.  
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, EAGLE RIVER,  
Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.  
/s/Dawn Halverson  
Probate Registrar  
February 24, 2025  
Michelle Forga  
7544 244th St.  
Forest Lake, MN 55025  
651-238-3968  
2750  
**WNAXLP**  
**Ordinances7740**  
**CITY OF EAGLE RIVER**  
(One week 3/19/25)  
Ordinance #592  
An Ordinance Annexing Territory  
To the City of Eagle River, Wisconsin  
The Common Council of the City of  
Eagle River, Wisconsin, does hereby  
ordain as follows:  
SECTION 1. Territory Annexed. In  
accordance with sec. 66.0217 (2) of  
the Wisconsin Statutes and the peti-  
tion for direct annexation filed with  
the City Clerk on the 5th day of Feb-  
ruary, 2025, signed by all owners re-  
siding in the territory to be annexed,  
the following described territory, 4412  
E. Wall Street, in the Town of Lincoln,  
Vilas County, Wisconsin, is annexed  
to the City of Eagle River, Wisconsin:  
SECTION 2. Effect of Annexation.  
From and after the date of this ordi-  
nance the territory described in section  
1 shall be a part of the City of  
Eagle River for any and all purposes  
provided by law and all persons or  
residing within such territory shall be  
subject to all ordinances, rules and  
regulations governing the City of  
Eagle River.  
SECTION 3. Zoning Classification.  
(a) Upon recommendation of the Plan  
Commission, the territory annexed to  
the City of Eagle River by this ordi-  
nance is zoned as Highway Commer-  
cial, pursuant to sec. 66.0217 of Wis-  
consin State Statutes.  
SECTION 4. Ward Designation. The  
territory described in section 1 of this  
ordinance is hereby made a part of  
Ward 2 of the City of Eagle River with  
a population of zero (0).  
SECTION 5. Severability. If any pro-  
vision of this ordinance is invalid or  
unconstitutional, or if the application  
of this ordinance to any person or  
circumstances is invalid or unconsti-  
tutional, such invalidity or unconsti-  
tutionality shall not affect the other  
provisions or applications of this or-  
dinance which can be given effect  
without the invalid or unconstitu-  
tional provision or application.  
SECTION 6. Effective Date. This or-  
dinance shall take effect upon its pas-  
sage and publication as provided by  
law.  
Becky Bolte – Clerk  
3758  
**WNAXLP**

**NOTICE TOWN OF LINCOLN**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the official public  
test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be  
used in the April 1, 2025, Spring Election for Town  
of Lincoln will be conducted at the Lincoln Town Hall,  
1205 Sundstein Road, Eagle River, WI 54521, at  
10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2025.  
Shelly Sauvola, Town Clerk  
451318

**NOTICE TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
Notice is hereby given that the public test of the automatic  
tabulating equipment, to be used in the April 1, 2025 Spring  
Election in the Town of Washington, will be conducted at  
4:00 pm, on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at the Washington  
Town Hall, 2301 Town Hall Road, Eagle River, WI. 54521.  
Town of Washington Nancy Sobralski, Town Clerk  
451128

**CITY OF EAGLE RIVER NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that the official public test of the  
automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the  
**APRIL 1, 2025 SPRING PRIMARY**  
in the City of Eagle River will be conducted at City Hall,  
525 E. Maple Street, Eagle River WI  
**Monday, March 24, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.**  
/s/ Becky J Bolte  
Clerk – City of Eagle River  
451552  
**WNAXLP**

**TOWN OF CLOVERLAND**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, the official public test of  
the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the  
April 1, 2025, Spring Election for the Town of Cloverland  
will be conducted at the Cloverland Town Hall, 5860  
Perch Lake Rd, Eagle River, WI 54521 at 10:00 AM on  
Thursday, March 27, 2025.  
Town Clerk/Treasurer: Tracy Schilling  
451140



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Hall Friday afternoon, Margelofsky proceeded to take Secretary Hughes on a tour of various locations in downtown Eagle River to highlight the recent revitalization efforts in the area, and to meet with local business leaders at the Rotary Square on Wall Street and at the Railroad Depot.

During the tour, Margelofsky also highlighted the collaborative efforts happening between businesses, namely with Andy's Pontoon Saloon on Wall Street (which earned the Best New Business Award) as one of the spearheads in helping foster a supportive community between local businesses.

The afternoon culminated with a final announcement made at Riverstone Brewing Company, which the WEDC has previously supported with a Community Development Investment grant, stating that Eagle River will be the recipient of a \$250,000 small business improvement grant.

"This is amazing. And it's all accredited to the incredible work that you all have done and the tremendous work that's happened in Eagle River," Secretary Hughes stated. "We watch communities to

see which communities are turning themselves into magnets and doing things to create momentum, and Eagle River is certainly doing that. Eagle River represents many of the qualities that make Wisconsin unique — a strong community identity, a sense of place, a spirit of creativity, and a continuous drive to make each day a little better."

**Small Business Development Grant**

The WEDC also awarded Eagle River a \$250,000 Small Business Development Grant (SBDG) during the Friday afternoon tour.

The grant is an add-on to the Main Street Bounceback program, a small business support initiative supported by the WEDC following its creation by Governor Tony Evers in 2021.

The program offers financial incentives for communities and organizations to develop innovative programs that directly support small businesses and small business creation. The program's goal is to support local and regional economic development programs that are aimed at providing greater access to capital to small businesses throughout the state.

The SBDG Program is a competitive program that assists local and regional economic



Secretary Hughes met with several local organizations and business owners, including members from the Great Headwaters Trails Foundation and the Eagle River Revitalization Program.

development organizations, municipalities, tribal governments and counties to support small business development in their respective areas. WEDC has allocated \$2 million for fiscal year 2025, with individual grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$250,000.

Eligible uses of funds include, but are not limited to, matching grant programs (such as startup, façade, expansion) and small business financing for firms with fewer than 25 full-time equivalent employees. Grant funds may not be used to cover past costs. WEDC does not require matching



ERRP Executive Director Margelofsky giving Secretary Hughes a tour of the Rotary Square building.

funds for this program; however, applications that provide for matching funds receive extra points in the scoring process. The scoring process will also take into account whether the project is in a rural or distressed area, and whether it will assist small businesses that are diversely owned, among other criteria.

Eagle River is one of 19 communities (out of 70 applicants) in Wisconsin to receive this grant, with the grant's purpose to help small businesses renovate and revitalize. Recipients are chosen based on proposed projects that keep in mind revitalization,

according to Hughes.

"It's a catalyst for transformation," Margelofsky said. "It reinforces the dedication of our small business owners, property developers, and community leaders who are actively shaping a stronger, more resilient future for Eagle River. I also want to acknowledge the City of Eagle River, our Business Improvement District, and our local partners who continue to work alongside us to create meaningful economic growth, whether it's preserving our historic character, revitalizing underutilized spaces, or fostering business

expansions.

"To our business owners, property developers, and entrepreneurs, this is your time," she added. "Thank you to WEDC, Secretary Hughes, our partners and every person in this community who believes in the power of revitalization. The impact starts today, and the best is yet to come."

More information about the Main Street Bounceback Program can be found by visiting the WEDC's website at [wedc.org/programs](http://wedc.org/programs).

More information about the ERRP and its revitalization efforts can be found by visiting [eagleriverrevitalization.org](http://eagleriverrevitalization.org).



Margelofsky describing the activities that can be found at Andy's Pontoon Saloon, which was the recipient of the Best New Business award, across the street from the Square.



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# Sports



Returning letter winners for the boys track and field team include, from left to right, front, Mason Dahlquist, Eli Kerner, Jacob Beer, Jackson Olejniczak, Xavier Gaffny and Cole Wiedenbeck. Back: Kaemyn Heritage, Brady Dumovich, Ryan Rydeski, Charlie Rajek, Morgan Depuydt, Josh Graves, Chris Heck, Illand Shepherdson, Owen Hahn and Tucker Brock. —Staff Photos By JACOB HEID

## Pines track teams reload for 2025 season

BY JACOB HEID  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines boys and girls track teams are reloading on talent that they lost a season ago when the teams finished first and second respectively inside the Great Northern Conference standings.

Both teams headed in different directions to start the year as the girls team lost more bodies than the boys did. Both sides are still in a position to compete once again at the top of the GNC.

Pines head coach Josh Rhode said the girls team returns some talented athletes and brings in new faces that can spring the team to the conference championship.

“The girls team lost some truly once-in-a-decade type athletes in Nora Gremban, Kirkland Williams, Taylor Franzen, Carly Huelskamp, and others. We have a great group of girls returning and we added some new faces that we are excited to see compete,” he said. “We have a bunch of fast, talented girls ready to prove themselves this season and I think they will surprise a few teams.”

So far, Rhode says that both teams have some speed, which bodes well in the sprinting events and can carry over to field events, as most sprinters on the team also compete in one of those events.

“I would say that both squads have their strengths in the sprinting department, which is a good thing because most of the field events are speed events,” Rhode explained.



There are 10 returning letter winners for the girls track team, including from left to right, Back: Lily Rushman, Bella Nowak, Sarah Nordine, Ava Hamblen, Kinsey Neff and Maria Krueger. Front: Miana Miller, Ava Carrillo, Lailah Eldridge and Ella Hahn.

“Our sprinters are also good pole vaulters, long jumpers, high jumpers, and triple jumpers.”

Some returning athletes for the girls have a good shot at advancing toward state and potentially making an appearance in La Crosse.

“On the girls side, I would say Avery Renkes, Ava Carrillo, Ella Hahn, and Tatum Meier are standing out as potential tournament series advancers,” Rhode explained.

In terms of conference stance, the Eagles will have tight competition with Tomahawk and Lakeland, who are expected to be good this spring.

“The Tomahawk girls team is really strong again, and I expect them and Lakeland to be near the top of the GNC this year,” Rhode said.

The boys work to replace some athletes as well, including Zach Ritter, Kyan Lins and Tyler Block. Those departures can be filled

in with returners like Eli Kerner, Cole Wiedenbeck, Jacob Beer and Josh Graves, plus more.

“Eli Kerner will be looking to get back to state (sprinter), along with Cole Wiedenbeck, Jacob Beer, and Josh Graves,” said Rhode about returning athletes who will replace departing seniors from last year. “Mason Minaudo, Morgan DePuydt, and Kaemyn Heritage are all looking like they will be among the best in the GNC and beyond in the pole vault. The boys didn’t lose nearly as much as the girls team, but we do need to reload. We have a lot of new faces on the boys side, and they have been putting in a ton of work over the off-season to attempt to win the GNC again.”

Both teams will rely on upperclassmen to help the newer athletes and help push toward conference titles, according to the coaching staff. The teams

learned they could be at or near the top of the conference, so the confidence is still there.

“They learned that they can be at the top of the conference and they should feel confident they can do it again,” stated Rhode. “Last year was the best finish we have ever had for either team in the GNC and we hope to stay at or near the top.”

The coaching staff also mentioned that an annual goal for both teams is always to place third or better in the conference, along with advancing as many athletes in regional, sectional and state competitions. Rhode says the teams make adjustments throughout the year based on where each team sits to assist in reaching the goals.

Pines will host its first indoor meet of the season this Thursday, March 20, at Northland Pines at 4:30 p.m.



## Sideline Scoop

BY JACOB HEID

### It’s time to dance

March Madness is one of the best times of year for sports fans, no matter if you watch college basketball throughout the entire winter or not. The NCAA Tournament is truly unique as 354 (based on eligibility) NCAA Division I basketball teams compete in 31 conferences throughout the year to build a résumé good enough to be one of 68 teams in the tournament field. There are 31 auto bids for whoever wins their conference tournaments, with most or all mid-major conferences being one-bid leagues. All major conferences (Big 12, Big East, ACC, SEC, Big Ten) will have multiple teams advance to the tournament.

With selection Sunday this past weekend, and round one action set to start this Thursday, March 20, the Wisconsin Badgers got awarded the No. 3 seed in the East region and will face No. 14 seed Montana at 12:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon. That’s a quick turnaround for the Badgers, who played in the Big Ten Championship game Sunday afternoon, which was the fourth game in four days for the Badgers.

Wisconsin will have a potential second-round date with No. 6 seed BYU, which I think is a horrible draw for them with the Cougar’s depth and ability to score.

In my personal one bracket that I do every year, I do have Wisconsin headed to the Sweet 16 as the team has elite offensive ability. Transfer John Tonje and sophomore John Blackwell lead the backcourt with both of their shooting ability, plus having the duo of Steven Crawl and Nolan Winter down low is a plus. Both of those players have stepped up in recent times this year to contribute in scoring and on the glass.

For another Wisconsin team, Marquette sort of limped into the postseason and fell in the Big East semifinals to the eventual conference champion St. John’s, led by Rick Patino. The Golden Eagles drew a No. 7 seed in the tournament and play Friday evening against No. 10 seed New Mexico at 6:25 p.m.

Happy March Madness for whoever watches and good luck with all of your brackets if you fill one out every year. A perfect bracket is a long shot, but someday it could happen!

## Wisconsin hangs to tight lead in Midwest after final homestand

BY JACOB HEID  
SPORTS EDITOR

to the locker room in a 1-1 game.

In what was the final home regular season series for the Wisconsin Windigo, the team holds onto a slight five-point lead of first place after picking up two points in a split with the Minnesota Wilderness.

Wisconsin fell in a 2-1 contest Friday night and responded with a 6-3 victory in front of what was one of its biggest crowds of the season. Wisconsin has 73 points as the first-place team in the North American Hockey League’s Midwest Division, in front of the Fairbanks Ice Dogs, who have 68 points, and the Anchorage Wolverines, who have 66 points in third place.

“Friday’s game was very frustrating. We lacked intensity, couldn’t seem to connect on our passing, and passed up on a number of shots that we should have taken. We did mount a strong comeback attempt in the third period,” said Windigo head coach John Mitchell on Friday’s loss. “The intensity we displayed in the first two periods on Saturday is the type of hockey we’d like to see. Our power play finally clicked and that made a huge impact for us.”

### Wilderness 2, Windigo 1

The second to last regular season home game didn’t go as planned for Wisconsin, despite the Windigo outshooting Minnesota 25-23 in the game.

Alexios Georgaklis got the Windigo on the board at 4:40 in a tight-checking first period where the Windigo only fired four shots on net.

The Wilderness tied things up late in the first period as both teams went

Consistent pressure by the visitors in the second put them on the powerplay early in the second which led to the eventual game-winner at 4:44 of the second.

They played a good road game on Friday and kept us from generating many quality scoring chances,” explained Mitchell.

The Windigo fired 21 shots in the final two periods, but none found the back of the net.

### Wilderness 3, Windigo 6

The Windigo brought the intensity early in the second game with the Wilderness. Braydon Beahm scored his 28th goal of the season just 53 seconds into the game on the powerplay to take an early lead for the Windigo.

Georgaklis netted his second of the weekend a few minutes later to go ahead 2-0 early in the first. Minnesota would answer nearly 14 minutes into the game to cut the lead back down to one at the first intermission.

Wisconsin then scored three goals in about two minutes in the second period to break the game open, 5-1. Hunter Hayes got a tally at 4:19 of the second before Luke Baker scored twice at 6:04 and 6:38 to grab control.

A powerplay goal midway through the third by the Windigo made it a 6-1 game as the Wilderness then scored on consecutive powerplays late in the third in an attempted comeback.

Wisconsin now heads on the road for the remainder of the regular season, starting with a clash with the Anchorage Wolverines Friday, March 21, and then down the Kenai Peninsula to take on the Brown Bears Saturday, March 22.

## Four Pines boys get all-GNC recognition

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH  
CORRESPONDENT

The Great Northern Conference (GNC) has announced its 2024-’25 boys basketball all-conference teams, including four players from Northland Pines.

Northland Pines junior forward Mylo Albrecht was a unanimous selection for the first team, while three other Eagles received honorable mention including seniors Jonathan Miller, Cody Vojta and A.J. Muench.

The 6-foot-3 Albrecht was second in the conference in scoring, as he poured in 186 points in 12 GNC games, averaging 15.5 points per game. He also was seventh in the conference in steals with 25, averaging 2.1 per game.

Miller, a 6-foot-5 center, scored 76 points in 11 GNC games, averaging 6.3 points per game. He also contributed 59 rebounds for the Eagles, including 16 on the offensive end. Miller was second in the GNC with 12 blocks, averaging 1.1 per game.

The 6-foot-3 Vojta was 10th in the league in rebounding, with 59 boards, averaging 5.9 per game over 10 games. The forward scored 84 points, averaging 8.4 per game in the GNC.

Muench, a 6-foot guard,

scored 72 points in 12 GNC games, averaging 6.0 per game. He also grabbed 45 rebounds and had 13 steals. He led the team with 26 assists.

The four starters, along with sophomore starter Jack Albrecht, led the Eagles to a 6-6 GNC record and 15-11 overall. The Eagles advanced to the WIAA Division 3 Regional final before losing to top-seeded Freedom. The Eagles scored 56.7 points per game in the GNC and allowed opponents 51.7 points.

Pines coach Terry Klemett had praise for his four all-conference players.

“These guys really came in and worked hard,” said Klemett. “A.J., Jon and Cody did what seniors do. They all upped their game from last year on both sides of the ball and Mylo really has turned himself into one of the top players in the conference. I am happy for all four of them as they represented our school and program well. It was very well deserved.”

### Other selections

Joining Albrecht on the first team were Medford senior Charlie Gierl, Rhinelander senior Truman Lamers, Mosinee junior Treve Stoffel and Mosinee sophomore Brayden Reinke. Gierl and Reinke were GNC Co-



AJ Muench



Cody Vojta



Jonathan Miller



Mylo Albrecht

Players of the Year and also were unanimous selections. Reinke led the GNC in scoring with 214 points in 11 games, averaging 19.5 per game.

Second-team players included Rhinelander juniors Devon Feck and Even Shoeder, Medford senior Hayden Koester and Medford junior Nick Krause, and Lakeland junior Even Zoch.

Other players receiving

honorable mention included seniors Gus Schuessler, Mitch Meyer and Colton Thomae, all of Antigo; senior Gaven Chmiel, junior Carson Balgord and junior Sebastian Anderson, all of Mosinee; sophomore Jackson Burnett of Lakeland; junior Jay Barkus and sophomore Abe Gretzinger, both of Rhinelander;



SPORTS

Pitlik, Lurvey make first-team all-NLC;  
Two other Bluejays make all-con team

BY JACOB HEID  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northern Lakes Conference released its 2024-25 all-conference selections recently, which included Three Lakes senior Peyton Pitlik and freshman Easton Lurvey as first-team honorees. Senior Eli Erickson and sophomore Owen Liebscher were second-team and honorable-mention selections, respectively.

Three Lakes ended its season in the regional semifinal against 2-seeded Pacelli earlier this month after beating Tri-County at home in the regional quarters.

The Bluejays finished with an 11-15 record overall and 6-4 in the NLC. The team's play in conference was boosted by the play of their first-team recipients, Pitlik and Lurvey.

Pitlik was the second-leading scorer on the team in NLC play, with 130 points in eight games, ranking seventh in the conference. He was also a rebounding machine, averaging around nine boards in league play.



Peyton Pitlik



Easton Lurvey

He collected 74 rebounds in the eight games, good for third, and only two rebounds out of second.

“His second half of the season was as good as any player in the area. His offense really expanded with his incredible 3 point shooting percentage, so it made him very difficult to guard for opposing teams,” said Three Lakes head coach, George Lurvey.

Lurvey was the Bluejays' leading scorer overall and in conference play. The first-year varsity starter was just one of two freshmen selected to be on the All-NLC team and averaged 17 points per game

in the 10 conference games. He scored 170 of his 436 points in NLC play. Lurvey shot 38% from the floor on 138 field goal attempts and nearly 31% from 3-point distance. He also averaged just under seven rebounds as a guard in NLC games.

“Easton is one of the top class of 2028 players in the state,” noted Lurvey. “He is an all-around player that plays hard on both sides of the court and is a phenomenal rebounder as well.”

Erickson was one of four seniors on this year's team and took that leadership role on.

The senior averaged

just under nine points in conference play and just about two rebounds per game. Lurvey said that Erickson did a good job in his leadership and was a great defender.

“Eli is an extremely high character kid and a great leader for the team,” explained Lurvey. “He comes every day with a great attitude, encourages everyone, and plays hard every single game.”

Liebscher grabbed the first all-NLC selection of his career as an honorable mention selection as a point guard. He averaged just above five points per contest on 55 attempts from the field. Liebscher did a lot of damage on the defensive end with steals and contesting the other team's best player.

“Owen is a huge part of our team. He doesn't get all the glory as far as stats go, but he does all the small things that make him extremely valuable,” stated Lurvey. “He is a defense first kid, always willing to work his hardest on defense and guard the opposing team's best player.”

Rebel Jays have  
six honored as  
All-Conference;  
Roy named  
Wrestler of the Year

BY WILLIAM ZUELKE  
CORRESPONDENT

Six members of the Wabeno-Laona-Three Lakes varsity wrestling team were named last week to the Northern Lakes All-Conference team for the 2024-2025 wrestling season. The conference honors followed a season when the same six wrestlers qualified for sectionals late last month, including Reegan Roy and Ryker Schingeck, who competed at the WIAA D3 State Championship tournament. Roy was also named male Wrestler of the Year following the path of his older brother, Ryan, who won the same award two years ago.

Rounding out the all-conference selections are Max Clark, Brody Hoffman, Hayden Demerath, and Jayse Demerath. Collectively, the six local wrestlers racked up 240 wins on the mat against 65 losses. In addition to the all-conference designation.

For Roy, winning was routine this season as he placed first in eight major tournaments, including prestigious events such as the Lourdes OTW Wrestling Classic, the Rebel Invitational, post-season regionals, and the WIAA D3 State Championship in his 106-pound weight class. He is also one of a very small group of wrestlers to reach the 100-win plateau in just two years of high school competition.

The head coaching duo of Seth Senter and Colin Schubert were not surprised at Roy's accomplishments this year.

“Watching a kid reach such a high level of success is very rewarding,” Senter commented after the all-conference announcements. “Reegan set a goal early to be a state champion, and his training and work ethic in practice and on the mat made it happen.”

Schubert has been coaching Roy since he was in sixth grade and says he can relate to the hard work required to be a state champion. The coach placed first in Madison 12 years ago, but said that leading a champion was more satisfying than winning his own title.

“Winning a state tournament required a lot of hard work and it was a great experience,” he said. “But having an impact on the growth and success of a young competitor like Reegan was far more meaningful to me.”

Schingeck also had a great year as a freshman grappler, placing first in four major tournaments

this season including the Cutler Classic and the WIAA D3 Regional tournament. According to Schubert, his first match win in Madison will carry the young wrestler in the years ahead.

“Ryker's win at the state tournament really capped off his season,” he said. “Hopefully it will drive him to go even further in future events. With the right game plan, this kid is a dangerous competitor.”

Clark, Hoffman, Demerath (Hayden), and Demerath (Jayse) each had a nice year for the Rebel Jays, with Clark holding a statistical edge with 40 match victories and nine top-five tournament placements, including a first-place finish at the Shawano High School Holiday Classic in December, on his way to a second all-conference designation.

Hoffman earned 40 match wins this year with seven top-five placements, including second-place finishes at the Oconto Invitational, the Rebel Invitational, and the Peshtigo Wrestling Invitational. Demerath (Jayse) has also earned multiple top-five finishes, including the WIAA D3 Regional tournament where he was able to qualify for sectionals in back-to-back years. He had 39 match wins this season.

Demerath (Hayden) got a late start following a knee injury prior to the first tournament, but still managed to get top-five finishes in both regional and sectional tournaments. The head coaches say they will miss the presence of Demerath who will graduate in June.

“Hayden was an ideal leader,” according to Schubert, “and he will be missed by everyone on the team.”

Schubert also expressed pride in what the team accomplished off the mat this year, as several members of the team were recently honored separately for academic achievement.

“As coaches, our job is to make better wrestlers,” he said. “Our goal is to help make better young adults.” Senter agreed, noting the importance of student education adding, “You can't be a winner on the mat, unless you are also a winner in the classroom.”

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Bluejays track team off and  
running this season

BY JACOB HEID  
SPORTS EDITOR

Preparations began last week for the 2025 track and field season, and Three Lakes-Phelps is off and running in an attempt to replace some state qualifiers from a season ago.

The season looks promising as the Jays have some returning upperclassmen, along with a few younger running and field event athletes to mix in together.

Head coach Nate Koch said it is a rebuilding year to a degree. Although the team lost some of its top performers from last year, the talent is still there.

“We've definitely lost some of our top athletes over the last few years. Last year, we graduated Toby Volkmann and Tyler Janikowski, both state qualifiers, and the year before that Kallie Volk, who qualified in multiple events,” said Kohn. “This year, we have few upperclassmen. So it's definitely a bit of a rebuilding year. We have a crew of sophomores this year that are really committed and are looking to really improve on what they did last year.”

Volkmann and Janikowski ran in short-distance races, along with high jump and long jump.

The team is coming off a season in which the boys finished first in conference, while the girls took third place.

Kohn highlighted a few



The Three Lakes track and field teams return three letter winners, from left to right, Nolan Waltz, Ashton Boehm and Zach Weavers. –Staff Photo By JACOB HEID

of this year's younger athletes, including sophomores Nolan Waltz and Zach Weavers.

“Nolan Waltz is looking at making a run for state this year. He's been in cross country twice and just narrowly missed a spot at last year's state meet. He's also going to try to capture the school's 1600m record this year,” explained Kohn. “Another sophomore, Zach Weavers, has been working out this winter. He's hoping to go big this year in shot put and discus.”

The team also brings in freshman high-jumper Masen Schoeneck, who made trips to the state middle school track and field championships for the last few years.

“He's hoping to really push his PR this year,” said Kohn about Schoeneck.

With a team that's as committed as the Bluejays are, Kohn said it makes coaching much easier on the coaching staff. He particularly said that his assistant coaches specialize in specific field events, which gives the team an upper hand in preparation.

“We've got some committed athletes, especially some of our throwers who are looking to get in the weight room more and improve on technique,” stated Kohn. “We also have some solid assistant coaches who specialize in certain field events, which will help our athletes who compete.”

Kohn said that while they haven't specified a team goal yet, individual goals will help propel the athletes to what they want to achieve this season. It helps both the athlete and the team as a whole.

“We haven't set a specific team goal yet this year, but we will certainly be setting individual goals,” noted Kohn. “I've found that individual goal setting really helps the athletes focus on what they want to accomplish and gives them a target.”

The Jays will kick off their season this Thursday, March 20, at Northland Pines in the first indoor track meet of the season. The first events are scheduled for 4:30 p.m.



FIRST PLACE — Rendezvous won first place in both the regular season and the tournament playoff this year in the Three Lakes Pool League. Team members pictured here from last Sunday at the end-of-year party, held at Tavern on the Loop, include, from left; Greg Kliss, John Kuglitsch, Justin Pollack, Rich Wherry and Greg Piasiecki. Missing was Gary Vozka. — Photo By Kurt Krueger

Pines

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junior Jeremiah Johnson of Tomahawk; and junior

Will Daniels and freshman Devin Dassow of Medford.

Rhineland won the conference with a 10-2 record, followed by Mosinee and Medford at 9-3. Pines was fourth at 6-6, followed

by Lakeland and Antigo at 4-8, and Tomahawk at 0-12.

Rhineland coach Derek Lemmens and Mosinee coach Matt Lindsey were GNC Co-Coaches of the Year.

STANDINGS

<b>EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL</b>		
Results of 3/12/25		
Team results: Club Denoyer 3, Thunderbird 0; Eagle Lanes 3, Veterans Center 0; Mud Creek II 2, Mud Creek I 1; Sweetwater I 2, Shotskis 1; Sweetwater II 2, Club 45 1		
Top women shooters: Jane Klug 7/28, Kristy Weiting 4/25, Sue LaChapelle 3/12, Kim Winter 3/24, Tina Aiello 3/24, Donna Adams 2/15, Teresa Tering 2/17		
Top men shooters: Brian Arnoldussen 12/23, John Ariola 9/20, Rick Garrett 8/19, Bill Ernst 8/29, Joe struck II 7/21, Dan Welzien 7/24, Keith Popp 3/17, Ed Yielding 3/25		
Home runs: Mabel Ernst, Scott Eschenbach		
Standings	W	L
Eagle Lanes	36	15
Shotskis	33	18
Sweetwater II	31	20
Club 45	30	20
	(one tie)	
Thunderbird	28	23
Sweetwater I	27	24
Club Denoyer	23	28
Mud Creek II	17	34

Veterans Center	16	34
Mud Creek I	13	38
		(one tie)

<b>EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE</b>		
Final results of 3/13/25		
Results: Brew's Pub 8, Northern Exposure 8; Eagle Lanes 14, Log Cabin 2; Uncle Kent's I 10, Club 45 II 6; Lumpy's 9, Club 45 III 7; Uncl Kent's II 10, Club 45 I 6; Denoyer's I 14, Denoyer's II 2		
Eight Ball Runs: Frank Sarkauskas, Justin Mernking, Kent Zdroik. Steve Schuettner, Don Kleinelder.		
Standings	W	L
Eagle Lanes	239	113
Brew's Pub	212	140
Northern Exposure	204	148
Club 45 III	194	158
Denoyer's I	192	160
Uncle Kent's I	192	160
Lumpy's	178	174
Club 45 I	157	195
Uncle Kent's II	150	202
Denoyer's II	150	202
Club 45 II	123	229
Log Cabin	121	231

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SNOCROSS — The World Championship Derby Complex hosted the Hayes Brakes Snocross National last weekend. The best-of-the-best in Snocross racing took to the technical track at the Complex with a variety of jumps and turns throughout the two-day event.

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## Several businesses team up to support Hernandez family

### Snowmobiles on ice, oil change donations for family fighting cancer

BY JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN  
NEWS EDITOR

Several local businesses have been teaming up for a fundraising effort to support the Hernandez family of Eagle River, as husband and father Keith Hernandez battles an aggressive form of blood cancer.

One of these efforts can be found at The Timbers Bar and Grill in St. Germain and Slo's Pub in Arbor Vitae, where they are hosting a "Guess When the Snowmobile Falls" contest. For \$20, people can guess a time and date that the snowmobiles will fall through the ice on West Bay and Gravelly Bay, respectively. The winning guess gets \$500, while all proceeds will go toward the Hernandez family.

The fundraiser was organized by "The Update," a joint Facebook show effort between Rocks Rent-All and A+ Driveway Grading and Land Clearing.

"I've talked to (the family) and they've said they're struggling to make ends meet," said Jeff Katzer, Rocks-Rent-All and "The Update" co-host. "We, like many other people in the area, are trying to help them out."

The hosts of the show stated that they have worked with the DNR to ensure that the snowmobiles are

environmentally safe to have in the water when they fall through the ice, including flushing out all oil and gas from the engines, as well as having them tethered to cables ready to haul them out of the water.

The snowmobiles were donated by Elliot Boyer from Boyer Property Services in Rhinelander.

The show, "The Update," has already facilitated over \$15,000 in contributions to give back to the community, with their focus being on supporting local events and community members.

#### Other efforts

Along with the snowmobile contest, Parsons of Eagle River is offering to donate \$1 from every oil change done in the month of March.

The dealership had previously donated these oil change funds —\$136 from 136 oil changes— to the Eagle River Recreation Association (ERRA) fundraiser to build a girls hockey locker room.

Several Eagle River businesses are also taking part in helping through the "Bucket Brigade," organized by Ginny Evans of Eagle River.

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.

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.

Businesses currently involved with the Bucket Brigade include KaigStand, Roots, Bucktail, Eagle Sports, ER Pet Company, Daily Grind, Splash Soap Co., Country Store, Nutty Squirrel, Eagle Waters, Lucy's Lunchbox, Northwoods Child Development Center, Zen Boutique, JJ's House of Dogs, Shepherd's Wool, Botox Beauty Spa, Wall Street Pharmacy, Friendship House, Shotskis, Eagle Baking Company, Erin's Pub & Grub, Eagle River Roasters, Riverstone Brewing Company, Sweetwater, Tribute Brewing Company, Bortolotti's Cin Cin (after May 6th), Energy Mart, Burnt Bridge Tavern, Toad in the Hole, The Heid Out, Kickback Grill, Last Cast Bar & Grill, The Timbers Bar & Grill, Buckhots, and Legacy Floors.

Those looking to donate to the Hernandez family can also do so via their GoFundMe at <https://gofund.me/d66ee342>.



The Hernandez Family



Hosts for "The Update" Jeff Katzer of Rock's Rent-All (left) and Austin Lambert of A+ Driveway Grading and Land Clearing (right). —Contributed Photos



## Not that you asked, but ...

BY ERIC JOHNSON

### Store-ies

*"There is nothing permanent except change."*  
— Late eighth century B.C. Greek philosopher Heraclitus

When the famed ancient Greek pre-Socratic philosopher from Ephesus penned that philosophic musing for the ages, in my mind I think he must have been mourning the closure of his local A&P supermarket, more formally known as The Great Acropolis & Parthenon Tea Co., or perhaps the bankruptcy liquidation of Emart, the department store for thrifty Ephesians with its popular torch light specials and sub forerunner Argonaut sandwiches.

It seems like not a day goes by these days without news of more retail store closings, bankruptcy reorganization filings, or outright bankruptcy liquidations, with Big Lots, JoAnn Fabrics and Party City being the latest casualties in the latter category.

Kohl's, Macy's, bankruptcy-reorganized JCPenney, Walgreen's, CVS and Dollar General, among a host of other retailers, are pruning their store counts in this e-commerce, retail apocalypse dead mall age.

Meanwhile, long co-owned Sears and Kmart, once Gibraltar-esque department store rivals jockeying for the top spot as America's largest retailer, are now both veritable zombie chains, with Sears down to eight stores, and corporate sibling Kmart down to a single location in Miami — and that downsized into the store's former garden center.

It seems like I can just about count the remaining department store choices on one hand these days, when living large is maybe having both a Walmart and a Target in your town — and if you're living right maybe even a Kohl's, Macy's, JCPenney or Meijer thrown into the mix.

In the rural North Woods, living large is having both Kohl's and Walmart in Rhinelander, which also used to house Shopko, JCPenney and F.W. Woolworth stores in my memory. Eagle River, once home to an expansive Pamida turned Shopko Hometown, like most rural communities today is lucky to have a limited selection dollar store, the modern day five-and-dime variety

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## Homestead exchange to host first meeting March 29, March 31

The Farm and Homestead Exchange, a new local group for homesteaders to connect and exchange information, will host its first meetings on Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Monday, March 31, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Olson Library in Eagle River.

The group sets out to be a connection point for a local exchange network of growers, craftsmen, homesteaders and hands-on DIY's from beginners to experts, and intends on coming together to discuss ideas, share knowledge, and exchange goods.

Topics that will be collaborated on will include soil building, greenhouses and gardens, solar power and renewable energy, woodworking and crafting, beekeeping, maple syrup, animal husbandry, foraging, fermenting, healthy eating, and connecting with local

businesses with local supply.

Whether just starting out or a seasoned expert, those interested are invited to join in on these introductory meetings.

For questions or more information, contact Tim and Christine Chapel at 715-337-0767.

## Sean Altman, Jack Skuller return to Eagle River with a Tribute to The Everly Brothers

The Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts (HCPA) is welcoming musical performers Sean Altman and Jack Skuller for their acclaimed Everly Set tribute on Saturday, April 5, at 7 p.m. in the Northland Pines High School Auditorium.

Concertgoers may remember the duo from their Simon & Garfunkel tribute performance during HCPA's 2022-2023 season. Now they return to celebrate the legendary harmonies of The Everly Brothers.

Phil and Don Everly revolutionized rock 'n' roll in 1957 with hits like "Bye Bye Love" and "Wake Up Little Susie," influencing generations of artists including The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, and The Beach Boys. Now, six decades later, seasoned performer Sean Altman (founder of Rockapella and composer

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Performers Sean Altman and Jack Skuller will be returning to the Northland Pines High School Auditorium for their acclaimed Everly Set tribute on Saturday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

—Contributed Photo



# Northern Waters Genealogical Society sets April 1 meeting

The Northern Waters Genealogical Society invites the public to their next meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 6 - 7 p.m., at the Boulder Junction Community Center located at 5392 Park St.

A brief business meeting will follow. A Zoom option is also available.

This month's program is "Lithuanian Genealogy: Record Sources and Immigration Routes" with guest speaker, Angela Sinickas, via Zoom. Sinickas is a dual citizen of Lithuania and the U.S. and is CEO of Lithuanian Genealogy. Since both her parents and grandparents were born in Lithuania, research of her Lithuanian roots has resulted in a family tree with nearly 16,000 people and happy meetings with long-lost relatives in Lithuania.

Sinickas has been a speaker on conducting Lithuanian genealogy for several conferences sponsored by RootsTech and the Foundation for Eastern European Family History Studies (FEEFHS), and has recorded three webinars on Lithuanian genealogy for the Family History Library. She is also an administrator for the Facebook group on Lithuanian Lutheran Genealogy, as well as a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, or to request the Zoom link, call 715-686-7339.

# Olson Library to host book sale March 20 - 22

The Friends of the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library will be hosting a book sale starting Thursday, March 20, through Saturday, March 22.

The sale will be held at the library at 203 N. Main St. in Eagle River from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday.

Items for sale include the following:

- Hardcover books - \$1 or price as marked
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- Children's books - 5 for \$1 or \$.25 each
- Young adult books - 5 for \$1 or \$.25 each
- Audiobook tapes, DVDs - \$1 or price as marked
- Games - \$2 or price as marked
- Music - \$1 or price as marked
- Puzzles \$1 or price as marked
- Library tote bags - \$5

There will be a \$4 bag sale on Saturday.

For questions or more information, contact Jan Christofferson at 715-479-3130, or the library at 715-479-8070.

# Oneida County Sheriff to present course on internet safety

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office will give a presentation on Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) on Wednesday, March 26, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The presentation will go over Internet safety, the role of law enforcement, and what people can do to help prevent themselves or others from becoming victims of these crimes.

The presentation will last approximately one hour, followed by a question and answer session, and will be held at the John and Dori Brown Performing Arts Center (Rhinelander High School Auditorium).

Free Pizza Ranch food will be available at this event.

# Badger Bridge details winners

1st place – Dorothy Hospodar and Sue Mommaerts.  
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# LIFESTYLE

## Nicolet College announces Spring/Summer 2025 Arts & Enrichment lineup

Nicolet College announces the release of its latest Arts & Enrichment courses and programming.

This season is brimming with classes and events designed to inspire, educate and bring people together. From astronomy, fishing and gardening, to mosaics, ceramics and dance, the classes offer something for everyone.

The Outdoor Adventure series invites participants to immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the North Woods through various outdoor activities. Highlights include the return of the Musky Seminar, kayaking on Lake Julia, a photography hike on college trails, a Sunday brunch drawing event in the art lab, and a summer solstice yoga experience on the expansive college field.

Step into the art gallery at the Northwoods Center to experience the college's art labs in the annual student show. Then, dive into the 38th Annual Northern National Art Competition, which allows locals to compete on a national stage to deliver an ambitious, wide ranging exhibit.

Nicolet Live! brings musicians, authors, films and theater productions to the world-class stage that enrich the community through arts and culture. The spring theater production will be Reduced Shakespeare Company's "All the Great Books (Abridged)," a roller-coaster ride through a compact compendium of the world's great books.

A new season of Learning in Retirement classes is also planned, which celebrate lifelong learning courses and activities created by and for retirees and older community members.

Explore these offerings and purchase tickets online at [nicoletcollege.edu/community](http://nicoletcollege.edu/community).

A learner in one of Nicolet College's community education classes, which enrich the lives of learners of all ages in the North Woods.

Class fees offset instructor pay and materials costs. In its mission to serve all learners, the College offers scholarships for community classes. Full scholarships are available for veterans for any class or event, and partial scholarships are available to anyone based on need. For more details, email [ce@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:ce@nicoletcollege.edu) or phone 715-365-4544.

## Johnson House restoration moves forward at Three Lakes Museum

The Three Lakes Historical Society and Museum has made progress with a major milestone in the Johnson House Restoration Project—the historic home's foundation has been completely rebuilt, ensuring the structure will stand for another 140 years.

Originally built in 1882, the Johnson House has served as the heart of the Three Lakes Historical Museum.

However, time took its toll, with shifting foundations and deteriorating beams threatening its stability. Thanks to the expertise of contractor Joe Malanche, the house now sits squarely on new sill plates, main beams and floor joists, allowing exterior restoration to move forward.

With the foundation secured, work will now begin on the home's front exterior. Thanks to

generous support from Wausau Supply Company and Argonne Lumber, high-quality Diamond Kote materials will be used to preserve the home's historic character while ensuring long-term durability.

The restoration, launched in September 2024, is a multi-phase project expected to be completed by the summer of 2027. However, Phases 2 and 3 remain dependent on community support.

Donations are still needed and can be made online at [threelakesmuseum.org](http://threelakesmuseum.org) or mailed to Three Lakes Historical Society, P.O. Box 250, Three Lakes, WI 54562.

Stay updated on the progress and future funding needs by visiting the website or contacting Museum Director Susan Kelly Panian at [director@threelakesmuseum.org](mailto:director@threelakesmuseum.org) or 715-546-2295.

## Art community event to highlight Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April

Community members in the North Woods area will have the opportunity to showcase and witness powerful and poignant works of art honoring sexual assault survivors at ArtStart at 68 S. Stevens St. in Rhinelander.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault is hosting a free community event to honor survivors of sexual assault.

This three-week display, and a one-day event, will be used to raise community awareness and encourage hope and healing for sexual assault survivors.

The ArtStart Exhibition runs from Thursday, April 3, to Saturday, April 19, with a free special exhibition event hosted by Tri-County Council on Thursday, April 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. Sexual assault survivors, friends and family of survivors and their supportive allies, are

encouraged to submit artwork for the exhibit.

Various forms of art are welcome, including paintings, drawings, collages, photography and any other forms of artistic expression that can be displayed. All levels of talent are welcome, and artists can remain anonymous in the exhibit if they wish. Artists can register online and drop off their works of Art at the Tri-County Council office at 3716 Country Drive,

Suite 6, in Rhinelander by Friday, March 28, at noon.

The North Woods community is invited to view the works of art and show support to the artists by attending the one-day event or by visiting the exhibit during ArtStart's open hours, Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For more details, art registration link and free event tickets, visit Tri-County Council's Facebook page.

## Aspirus Health dietitian debunks health cost myths

Many people believe eating healthy is costly or bland, but Lisa Miller, a registered dietitian with Aspirus Health, seeks to set the record straight.

"One common misconception I hear is that eating healthy costs more," Miller says. "But when you compare the price of a bag of carrots, bananas, or apples to a bag of chips, the chips are usually more expensive."

Another myth is that nutritious food lacks flavor. "If you only eat things plain or raw, you might think healthy food is boring," Miller says. "But with a little creativity, healthy meals can be both delicious and satisfying."

Wednesday, March 12, marked Registered Dietitian Day, and recognized the experts who help

people make informed food choices. Miller highlighted three key elements of a well-balanced diet:

- Balance – Getting enough food is essential, especially for those facing food insecurity.
- Variety – A diverse range of proteins, fruits, vegetables and whole grains boosts nutrition. "There are over 20 types of grains, not just wheat and corn," Miller notes. "Mixing it up can bring new flavors and nutrients into your diet."
- Moderation – Setting realistic, sustainable goals leads to long-term success.

Small changes, such as swapping processed foods for whole foods, adding healthy fats such as avocado and nuts, and practicing portion control can make a big difference. "Healthy eating is personal, and it's about progress, not perfection," Miller says.

On Registered Dietitian Day, Aspirus Health encouraged everyone to take small steps toward healthier eating.

For personalized nutrition support, talk to a primary care provider about connecting with a local registered dietitian.

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Pictured left to right is Jill Roth, Demmer Memorial Library Director; Kathy Holtorp, Salvation Army; Gerry Plank, Northwoods Jazz; Diane Geis, Moderator; Doe Muench and Jan Harris, Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry co-directors.

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Union Congregational Church gives back to community

The Seed Committee at Union Congregational Church recently presented checks to the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry, Demmer Memorial Library, Salvation Army, and the Northwoods Jazz Group.

When faced with the prospect of closing its doors in January 2024, the tiny congregation, composed primarily of elderly individuals, embarked on a journey to return to its Biblical roots. Union Congregational Church has a rich history of serving the community and traces its heritage back to the community’s very first church service held at a Three Lakes campsite in July of 1886.

As the church transitions and restructures, it plans

to build on that foundation. With a mission to proclaim Christ, promote community, and provide support to area Biblical ministries, the church has implemented three outreach ministry events in 2025: Concerts of Prayers, Come Christians-Join to Sing Hymn Fests, and the Psalm 150 Project.

Concerts of Prayers is a movement that originated in Scotland in 1744, with written prayers for specific purposes read by individuals, interspersed with music. Concerts of Prayers Events were held for the Three Lakes School District Staff and Students, and for elected and appointed government officials.

Come Christians, Join to Sing Hymn Fests are theme or time oriented events that feature histories of the hymns.

The Psalm 150 Project provides a venue for local musicians to praise God in the sanctuary with a variety of religious and secular songs, musical instruments, dance and genres.

With the exception of Concerts of Prayer, shared free will offerings are taken to support local area organizations. To date, a total of \$1575 has been raised. Recipients of past offerings include the Three Lakes Dog Park, Three Lakes School Music Department, Three Lakes Historical Society and Museum, Three Lakes Center for the Arts, and the Three Lakes Fire Department.

“We are grateful for the support of those in the community who support these organizations by attending these events,” stated Diane Geis, Moderator.

Union holds a traditional liturgical service at 10:30 a.m. on the 4th Sunday of the month.



The Oneida County Veterans Service Office will offer outreach to veterans and their family members at the Demmer Library on Wednesday, March 19, from 12 - 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but you can also make an appointment by calling their office in advance at (715) 369-6127.

Been cooped up this winter? Do you want a reason to leave the house? The Demmer Library is hosting Soup and Social Hour on Wednesday, March 19, from 5 - 6 p.m. Bring a pot of soup, some bread, or just yourself and have a nice chat with community members.

Do you write poetry, short stories, novels or children’s stories? Join fellow writers on Thursday, March 20, at 1 p.m. in the Demmer Maple Room.

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss “The Wedding People” by Alison Espach on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. The group meets in person at the library or online via Zoom. Email demmer@demmerlibrary.org to receive sign-in information.

The Demmer Library Board invites Three Lakes electors to come and individually chat with local candidates for the April 1 election on Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Three Lakes Brew Station. Electors are encouraged to bring questions and concerns, and get to know those seeking elected positions. This format is in lieu of the Candidate Forum as previously presented.

Drinks will be available for purchase.

The library is hosting a Seed Swap event to unveil the new seed library put on by the Three Lakes Lions Club on March 26 at 5 p.m. at the Demmer Library. A presentation on seed starting will take place in the Maple Room at 6 p.m.

Want to keep your brain sharp this year? The Demmer is offering Scrabble drop-in play Thursday, March 27, at 1 p.m. Come down to the Demmer Fireplace Area and play Scrabble with other community members.

**Weekly Offerings**

- Story Hour is a free program for young children and their caregivers. Join us on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Demmer Maple Room. Children will listen to stories, engage in music and movement, explore different art mediums, and more.
- Have you started looking at your family tree and don’t know where to go next? Let the Three Lakes Genealogical Society help you. The group loves to assist new, novice, and expert family sleuths find more records and more answers to questions. They are offering active “office hours” in the local history room of the library where you can drop in and ask your questions on Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m. Call the library for more details.

**Monthly Offerings**

- In-Person and Virtual D&D (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Harry Potter Club (1st Monday)
- Lego Club (2nd Monday)
- Crafternoon (2nd Tuesday)
- Drop-in Scrabble (2nd & 4th Thursdays)
- Oneida County Veterans Service Open Office Hours (3rd Wednesday)
- Writers Group (1st & 3rd Thursdays)
- Books: The Other Channel (4th Tuesday)

For more information, call the library at 715-546-3391.

BID NOTICE

PROJECT: 2025 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

OWNER: Town of Three Lakes  
P.O. Box 565, 6965 West School Street  
Three Lakes, WI 54562

CONTRACTS AND BID DEADLINE:

Sealed bids are being requested for road improvements in the Town of Three Lakes that will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, March 26, 2025, at the office of the Town Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Town Board of Supervisors meeting room.

This is a single contract for crack filling, patching, application of a single layer of chip seal surface and fog seal on approximately 2.8 miles of roads and pulverizing, addition of base course, shaping to produce acceptable drainage and asphalt pavement construction with spot Carlson screed asphalt curb, tree removal and ditching on approximately 2.9 miles of roads. This contract consists of the following approximate quantities:

Single Layer of Chip Seal	33,100 square yards
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¾-inch CABC Placement	6,620 tons
Hot-mix Asphalt Pavement	4,810 tons

The quantities are subject to change without notice prior to document distribution.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bidder’s Proof of Responsibility, Bid Proposal Form, Affidavit of Organization and Authority, Bid Bond (in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid), Notice of Award Form, Agreement Form, Notice to Proceed Form, Performance/ Payment Bond (100%), Certificate of Insurance, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications, Drawings and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:

Town of Three Lakes  
P.O. Box 565, 6965 West School Street  
Three Lakes, WI 54562

Town & Country Engineering, Inc.  
6264 Nesbitt Road  
Madison, WI 53719

Copies of the Contract Documents and the Construction Plans may be obtained at the office of Town & Country Engineering, Inc., 6264 Nesbitt Road, Madison, WI 53719 via appointment only. There is a **\$75 non-refundable** copying and distribution charge for these documents. Electronic bidding documents are available on-line at Questcdn.com, Project No. 9583148 for \$42. This fee includes access to submit a bid on-line via Questcdn.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bidders must be pre-qualified with the Town of Three Lakes within the last year or must be pre-qualified for this work 5 days prior to the bid deadline in accordance with Section 66.0901 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bidders must be experienced in municipal road construction.

RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Town of Three Lakes reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in any bid.

Published by the authority of:

Roger Brisk  
Town Chairman



MUSIC SHOWCASE — The Three Lakes High School music department held a Music Showcase the evening of Monday, March 10 to spotlight some of the pieces performed at solo/ensemble in Florence earlier this month. Four vocal entries earned a state rating. Vocal students also earned 15 first-place and two second-place ratings. In band, the large percussion ensemble will head to state. Band members earned four first places, two second places and one third place.

—Photos By Jen West

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ART MONTH — Land O’ Lakes Elementary students visited the LOLA gallery to see their artwork on display for Youth Art Month. With the exhibit over, pieces will be returned before students take them home. The LOLA team framed the artwork, and Dr. Donna Murray-Tiedge arranged the display. —Photos By Bob Hughes

Top: 1st and 2nd grade.  
Bottom right: 3rd and 4th grade.  
Bottom left: K4 and K5.





**Land O' Lakes Public Library**  
P.O. Box 450 715-547-6006

Join in the fun at the Land O’ Lakes Library’s 3rd Annual Bar Cookie Crawl baking contest on March 20 at 1 p.m.! This is a bar cookie-baking competition open to all bakers. 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 prior 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 welcome to taste from 1 - 3 p.m. A Spring Break Kid’s Movie will be shown on Wednesday, March 26, at 2 p.m. The movie, “Despicable Me 4,” is rated PG and is 90 minutes long. Movie-style popcorn will be served, but children are welcome to bring their own snacks. A caregiver of babysitting age or older must remain at the library. Supervision will be provided in the downstairs movie room, so caregivers may relax or work upstairs. The library is excited

to announce a collaboration with LOLA Arts: Art Journaling led by Artistree Gallery artist Ruth Wegehaupt. All that is required is a blank journal with sturdy pages or even an old book. Bring along any inspiring materials such as scraps of paper, lace, fabric, photos, magazines, crayons, paints or stamps, that you’d like to use. LOLA Arts and the library will also have supplies available. Art Journaling will be offered at the library every Wednesday from 12 - 2 p.m. Due to the success of the library’s first Scrabble afternoon, the group has decided to meet on the second and

fourth Wednesdays of the month from 2 - 4 p.m., beginning on April 9. Scrabble boards and all needed supplies will be provided. Experienced players and beginners are welcome to attend! Save the date for Land O’ Lakes Library’s Everybunny Reads event on April 19, which is the Saturday before Easter. This is a literacy event involving “adopting” a stuffed bunny, learning to care for the bunny, and receiving a book to read to it. Qigong and Balance classes, taught by Dottie Reeder, are offered on Fridays from 9 - 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. New nonfiction books on the shelves: “How to Share an Egg: A True Story of Hunger, Love,

and Plenty” by Bonny Reichert, “Timefulness: How Thinking Like a Geologist Can Help Save the World” by Marcia Bjornerud, “Turning to Stone: Discovering the Subtle Wisdom of Rocks” by Marcia Bjornerud, and “Raising Hare: A Memoir” by Chloe Dalton Library hours: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, call the library at 715-547-6006, visit landolakeslibrary.org or find the library on Facebook and Instagram.

## Johnson

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store. Back in the day as a tourist, I remember Eagle River having a Ben Franklin at Vilas Village Mall and a Schultz Brothers variety store downtown, the latter down the block from the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. (A&P) supermarket, an American retailing stalwart from 1859-2015. Being born and bred in the Badger State, it doesn’t take a long memory to remember the days when Wisconsin boasted any number of homegrown department store chains like Shopko, Prange’s/ Prange Way, Boston Store, T.A. Chapman, Gimbels and Schusters doing commerce alongside nationals Penney’s and Sears. In Milwaukee, Drew’s was our local variety store chain, successfully thriving in the midst of any number of national discount competitors including Woolworth, Kresge/Kmart, G.C. Murphy, Spartan-Atlantic, Arlan’s and W.T. Grant, among others. Now 60, I’ve been to them



Until 2019, Eagle River was home to a Shopko Hometown department store, one of many retailing casualties across Wisconsin and the nation in recent decades. —Photo By Eric A Johnson all, including a merged Gimbels-Schusters as a toddler. Now, only JCPenney still rings up sales in the state, and then at a reduced

roster of ten stores statewide. Macy’s, a newcomer to Wisconsin when it rebranded some former Gimbels stores themselves rebadged as Marshall Fields, rosters just four Wisconsin stores. The MBA’s call it creative destruction. I call it a sad state of affairs. From my youth into my early adulthood, I always had a fondness for Gimbels, not the least for its Tasty Town in-store restaurants, elaborate Christmas decor, and the delectable holiday season Liptauer cheese spread sold in its store delicatessens. I have a bootleg copy of Gimbels’ Liptauer cheese spread recipe. Don’t ask me how. I’ll plead the Fifth. More important for me were the family ties with the towering Gimbels flagship on West Wisconsin Avenue at the Milwaukee River, where my Great-Grandma Samp once hand-dipped gourmet chocolates for Milwaukee’s carriage trade set — think Harnishfegers, Plankintons, Brumders, Mitchells, Millers, Uihleins and Pabsts — before she met and married my Great-Grandpa Samp and started a family. Fittingly, as a soon-to-be graduating college

senior on Milwaukee’s Wisconsin Avenue “hilltop” at Marquette University, my first charge card came from Gimbels, albeit just in time for the chain’s liquidation after its storied 1842-1987 run. Being the sentimental sort, I still have my Gimbels charge card, as well as a panoramic cabinet photo of Great Grandma Samp with her Gimbels co-workers at the 1906 store picnic. Also a personal favorite, and much mourned in more recent memory, was Green Bay-based Shopko (1962-2019). When my folks and I moved to Racine as a kid, it was a big deal when Shopko opened a store there with its catchy radio jingle to “Say hello to a good buy — at Shopko.” It was my discount teen go-to for vinyl

45 singles, eight-track cassettes, and a jewelry gift for my junior year high school homecoming date. Years later, married and with a growing family, first in Sheboygan and later still in Eagle River and Rhinelander, Shopko was our family’s go-to for everything from clothing to housewares to small appliances to bandages to our artificial Christmas tree. By 2019, Shopko joined Gimbels — and a host of other retailers — in my memory. Gone, but certainly not forgotten. After all, nothing is permanent except change. At least my glasses still come from Shopko — Shopko Optical that is. Eric Johnson can be reached at [eric@fyinorthwoods.com](mailto:eric@fyinorthwoods.com).

**TOWN OF LAND O' LAKES NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the April 1st, 2025 Spring Election will be held on Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 at 10am at the Town Hall, 4331 County Rd B, Land O’ Lakes WI.

Lynn Jolin, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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Phelps Community Blood Drive to begin March 27

The Phelps Community Blood Drive, to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, from noon to 4 p.m. and again Thursday, May 29, from noon to 4 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Community Blood Center. To schedule your donation, call the blood center at 800-280-4102. Advanced registration is required.

The church is located at 4494 Town Hall Road in Phelps.

TOWN OF ST GERMAIN NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public test of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) voting machine to be used at the April 1, 2025 Spring Election will be held on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 9:00 am in room 5 of the St Germain Community Center, 545 Hwy 155, St Germain WI 54558.

June Vogel, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF PLUM LAKE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 5.84, the Public Test of the voting equipment, to be used at the Spring Election to be held on April 1, 2025, in the Town of Plum Lake will be conducted in the Town Hall, 8755 Lake Street, Sayner, WI, at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

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The Town of St. Germain is seeking bids for repairs to a portion of Sixteen Road by pulverizing, widening, and adding additional gravel to the road, with an option to chip seal and fog seal the gravel surface. Any questions may be directed to Tom Christensen by email at [tom.christensen@stgermainwi.gov](mailto:tom.christensen@stgermainwi.gov), or by phone at 715-891-5967. Your bid is due at the Clerk's Office by 5:00PM on March 24, 2025. The Board will approve the winning bid and option during a meeting on Thursday March 27, starting at 6:30 PM.

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BID NOTICE

The Town of St. Germain is seeking bids for repairs to a portion of Border Creek Road by pulverizing, widening, and adding additional gravel to the road, with an option to chip seal and fog seal the gravel surface. Bid specification requests and any questions may be directed to Tom Christensen by email at [tom.christensen@stgermainwi.gov](mailto:tom.christensen@stgermainwi.gov), or by phone at 715-891-5967. Your bid is due at the Clerk's Office by 5:00PM on March 24, 2025. The Board will approve the winning bid and option during a meeting on Thursday March 27, starting at 6:30 PM.

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One Year Ago - 2024

The Northwoods Animal Alliance hosted a puppy meet and greet at The Eagle River Pet Company on Saturday...The Vilas County News-Review has again been recognized for General Excellence in the state's Better Newspaper Contest (BNC), in addition to 26 other awards...For the second consecutive year, the Lac du Flambeau (LdF) tribe has indicated to the Wisconsin DNR they intend to harvest walleyes from the Minocqua chain of lakes during the upcoming 2024 spearing season.

10 Years Ago - 2015

With the North Woods billed as a snow oasis much of the winter, some area business owners report the winter tourism season as the best in nearly a decade...Ashlee Martinson — a 17-year-old charged with killing her mother and stepfather March 7 in the town of Piehl — will remain in Boone County, Ind., until an extradition hearing April 8...The Wild Eagle Lodge Condo Association, and petitioners who appealed a decision to allow six piers along the property on Duck and Lynx lakes on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes, have reached a settlement outside of court.

20 Years Ago - 2005

The participants, planners and volunteers of the Silver Blades ice show have reason to be proud. After all, teaching children to ice skate, choreographing routines, creating a backdrop and props, coordinating music, arranging advertising and printing programs, and installing bright spotlights took hundreds of hours to present the annual ice show...The use of sustainable forestry principles on state and county forestlands has led to sound management and important revenues for state and municipal governments, a new report shows...A state Medicaid program that reimburses below actual patient costs is being blamed for the closing of another North Woods long-term care facility.

30 Years Ago - 1995

It may have come a little late for some, but the North Woods has its best snowmobile and ski trail conditions of the year after being hit with about a foot of snow that was dumped on the area Saturday and Monday...State and county officials claim Vilas County's relatively new zoning Board of Adjustment (BOA) is following state case law, a sharp contrast to the widespread criticism and lawsuits that plagued former board members, who resigned en masse 20 months ago...Twenty-four

hours of racing and gambling, a giveaway of four new snowmobiles, and a visit by Gov. Tommy Thompson are scheduled this weekend at Eagle River and Lac du Flambeau.

40 Years Ago - 1985

Unlike a majority of towns in the North Woods where there's no opposition, Three Lakes voters get to make a choice from candidates vying for both supervisor positions on the town board and two posts on the school board when they go to the polls next Tuesday, April 2...The Three Lakes School Board is going to take action to reduce alcohol and drug abuse problems affecting students — as well as sexual abuse — it was decided at a meeting last week...With approaching school board elections set for April 2, the Three Lakes School District, which includes an elementary school in Sugar Camp, will see a four-way race for two board seats...Vilas County last week received a \$50,000 claim for damages from deputy sheriff David Kasprzyk who claims Sheriff James Williquette cancelled his promotion to detective last fall...All members serving on Eagle River's City Council, including the mayor, will run unopposed in this Tuesday's elections...In an effort to keep some boaters on the Three Lakes Chain from pleading "ignorance to the laws" when stopped for boating violations, the town board had a homeowners group post signs at all public landings this year to inform the public of key state laws and safety techniques.

50 Years Ago - 1975

While most lumber yards and building companies in the area agree winter building this year is down compared with last year, many are predicting northern Wisconsin will buck national trends and have a good spring and summer...An extensive timber and land management plan and the eventual closing of over eight miles of roads is being proposed by the US Forest Service for a 1,400 acre block of land immediately west of Franklin and Butternut lakes in the Nicolet Forest...Due to the possible loss of about \$30,000 in state aid, the Lincoln town board is asking taxpayers to vote "yes" on an April 1 referendum that would permit the town to adopt a property tax levy if necessary...After reviewing the history of the early opposition to the power equalization tax reform passed by the state legislature in 1973, Jim Kleinhans of the Lakeland Times wrote an editorial, including an apology, this week.



2005, SILVER BLADES — Silver Blades figure skater Lauren Ritzer skated to the Beatles' song "Twist & Shout."

—STAFF PHOTO

60 Years Ago - 1965

At least 10 of the 18 county board seats will be contested in the upcoming spring elections April 6...On or about March 18, appeal letters containing Easter Seals will be mailed out to residents of Vilas county. The funds that recipients send will be used to finance benefits for crippled children, said Win Abney, Vilas county chairman...A climax to the winter sports season at Mus-Ski Mountain in Sayner will be held this Sunday, March 21, when the ski area sponsors a colorful snowmobile rally.

70 Years Ago - 1955

Salesmanship is one of the essentials of a progressive community, explained guest speaker William F. Brown at the annual ladies night Chamber of Commerce meeting Wednesday ... Efforts to help defeat a hike in the state advertising fund by Joseph Mercedes, who operates the Wisconsin Tourist Bureau, and who is very active in the Rhinelander and Minocqua area, drew short retort this week from assemblyman Marvin Dillman (Rep. - Lac du Flambeau, representing Vilas, Oneida and Iron counties)...Eagle River water and sewer rates were found to be among the lowest in the state of Wisconsin last Tuesday night when a report was

presented to city council members by Tom Shields, city engineer...Early reports from the Red Cross fund drive chairman in Vilas County indicated that approximately \$500 has already been collected in the month-long campaign now being conducted.

80 Years Ago - 1945

Election day, Tuesday, April 3, is going to be pretty lively in many towns in the county, as there will be opposition for almost all offices. ... Corn-fed deer, kept healthy and fat by the taxpayers and protected by residents who want to see the animals given a chance to come through a hard winter, furnished fair game for some violator, who could walk with silts on under a snail. ... Employers and employees of resorts, restaurants, hotels, dining rooms, lunch stands and soda fountains, women who handle church suppers, in fact, anyone who handles food to be served to the public, will be interested in a series of food meetings to be held at the American Legion building, Eagle River.

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.

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Public Notice  
TOWN OF CONOVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the April 1st, 2025 Spring Election will be held on Monday March 24th, 2025 at the Conover Center, 4665 CTH K East at 10:00 am.

Kendra Lederer - Clerk

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BID NOTICE

The Town of Conover is accepting sealed bids for the widening and graveling of approximately 1 to 1.7 miles of road in the Town of Conover for fiscal year 2025. Schedule of Prices are available on the Town's website: [townofconover.com/](http://townofconover.com/). Any questions on navigation of the website please contact the clerk's office at (715)479-8688. Bids must be received by 5:00 PM on March 26th, 2025, all bids will be opened at the Town Board Meeting that evening of March 26th, 2025 at 5:30 pm. If you have questions, please contact the Town Foreman John Barnekow at 715-479-5420 or [conoverhwyforeman@gmail.com](mailto:conoverhwyforeman@gmail.com).

The Town of Conover reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the town.

Please mail all bids to: Town of Conover  
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Posted this 5th day of March, 2025.

Kendra Lederer, Conover Clerk

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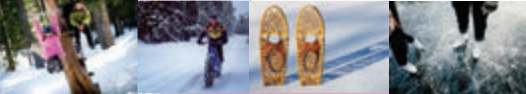
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# Outdoors

## DNR targeting specific lakes for panfish changes

WHILE the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) isn't yet proposing to do away with the standard 25 panfish daily bag limit statewide, they are trying to add lakes to the 10-bag list and to make permanent the 10-fish daily limit on about 40 lakes that were part of a 10-year experiment that sunsets in 2026.

A peek at the proposed rule changes that will be voted on next month at the spring fish and game hearings in every county shows a targeted lake-by-lake approach to panfish management.

That means fish biologists are focused on fisheries where management goals aren't being met because the 25-fish daily limit is causing exploitation and reduced quality, as opposed to just lowering the daily limit everywhere.

"Recent research has shown that reducing panfish daily limits to 10 or less may noticeably reduce harvest mortality and may improve population size structure," notes a hearing question about adding Pelican Lake, the Willow Flowage, and about 20 other lakes statewide to the 10-panfish daily bag limit category.

That proposal would be 10 panfish in aggregate, meaning the combination of crappies, bluegills and perch can't exceed 10 in a day.

Because the department has seen some increase in panfish quality as part of its 10-year experiment with the 10-panfish daily

bag limit, another proposed rule change seeks to make permanent the experimen-



### In the Outdoors

BY KURT KRUEGER

tal regulation on about 40 lakes and lake chains that would otherwise sunset in March 2026 — putting them back to 25 panfish a day.

The proposed rule would make permanent the 10-panfish daily bag limit on Deer Lake and the Lake Nokomis/Rice Reservoir Chain in Lincoln and Oneida counties, as well as the Boom- Rhinelander Flowage Chain of Lakes and Thunder Lake in Oneida.

**In Vilas County, the department is proposing that Kentuck Lake be changed from the experimental 10-panfish daily bag limit to a 25-panfish daily limit, where only 5 yellow perch can be harvested.**

The current regulation is a 25 panfish daily bag limit, but only 10 of any one species can be harvested.

"Yellow perch are an important food item for walleye. Dramatic swings in abundance of walleye

in Kentuck seems to be closely correlated with the abundance of juvenile yellow perch," the DNR wrote. "Protecting more adult yellow perch from harvest may help stabilize production of juvenile perch, which in turn would stabilize the walleye population."

However, because there has historically been a high abundance of black crappie in Kentuck, the department is proposing to keep a 25-fish daily bag limit on that species.

"High abundance of black crappie have been correlated to decrease juvenile walleye abundance and thought to be a variable to cause walleye population crashes," the DNR wrote. "This regulation would allow more harvest of black crappie when numbers are high to help mitigate potential negative impacts on walleye."

The other panfish rule change on the questionnaire involves protection of bluegill numbers and size structure on certain lakes by applying a 25-panfish regulation, with no more than 5 bluegills in the mix.

Only eight lakes are on the proposed 5-bluegill daily bag limit list, but the list includes Deerskin, Partridge, High, Fishtrap and Rush lakes in Vilas County. The others are Long Lake in Manitowoc County, and Graham and Hartman in Waupaca County.

"All of these lakes either had or have existing poor size structure that is suspected to have been caused



A host of lake-by-lake panfish regulation changes are on the proposed rule change list for the spring fish and game hearing voting next month. —Photo By The Author

by overharvest," the question reads.

The lake-by-lake management is a sigh of relief for many anglers who chase panfish, especially on those waters where overpopulation and stunting require a higher harvest level.

The spring hearings start in every county at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14.

Voting will be allowed for 48 hours from 6 p.m. Monday through 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 16.

**Keep in mind that because the proposed**

**rule changes take effect in 2026, short of an emergency rule, there won't be any other panfish bag limit changes taking effect until 2028 under the new every-other-year rule system.**

## Ojibwe spring fishing season starts soon

### Wisconsinites reminded of Tribal right to fish

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsinites of the protected tribal right to fish in certain Wisconsin waterways and the legal consequences they could face if found interfering with that right during the upcoming Ojibwe spring fishing season.

"The safety of Ojibwe fishers is a top priority for the DNR. The agency fully supports legally protected Ojibwe treaty rights and tribal sovereignty," said DNR Secretary Karen Hyun. "We will swiftly act on incidents of violence and harassment against tribal citizens. We support Ojibwe citizens

to exercise their rights and engage in traditional practices, knowing the DNR, in collaboration with our various valued partners, are working to ensure a safe and successful spring harvest."

Each tribal fishing season, tribal citizens harvest using various methods, including spearing and netting. The harvest usually begins shortly after the ice melts, typically by mid-April. This year, the season is expected to begin earlier due to the mild winter Wisconsin has experienced. The tribal harvest is not a date-regulated activity, and, as a result, there is neither an open nor closed season. The DNR collaborates with the Ojibwe

tribes to uphold these tribal rights.

"Tribal members must be able to safely exercise their right to hunt, fish and gather in the Ceded Territories without unlawful interference," said Attorney General Josh Kaul. "Local law enforcement, as well as the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC), can help ensure that tribal members' rights are protected during the spring fishing season."

"For Ojibwe families, the spring season is a brief opportunity to harvest walleye and other species from Ceded Territory waters," said Jason Schlender, GLIFWC Executive

Administrator. "But the benefits of eating healthy meals for Ojibwe communities lasts throughout the year, from household kitchen tables to elder nutrition programs."

Part of the collaboration between the DNR and the Ojibwe tribes includes working together to set a safe harvest limit for every walleye and muskellunge lake in the Ceded Territory. These safe harvest limits ensure that the walleye and muskellunge harvests do not adversely affect each lake's fishery.

There are 2,300 lakes larger than 25 acres in the Ceded Territory, including 919 walleye lakes and 623 To OJIBWE, Pg. 9



### Fishing with the guides

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

## Bluegill action remains steady

While ice fishing is coming to an end, we've still got a bit of time to get out there. We've seen some sunny shorelines pull back during this last week of really warm weather, but as long as you can get on the ice, the fishing has remained very good! The nice thing right now is that action has moved to the shallow water. If you're wanting to fish deep, especially for perch, look for places where the water is flowing from on top of the ice down into the holes. The fish gather in these spots, as this water is oxygenated. As a general rule, anywhere you see this happening you're going to find some fish.

As always, this is the time of the year that begs caution. We're seeing anywhere from 15 to 25" of ice out there on most bodies of water, depending on the lake and location. While this coming week doesn't look to be bringing too much really warm weather, conditions can change quickly. Stay vigilant and be very wary of areas with current, like close to the channels on the chain.

Crappies continue to be found along the shallow weed edges in 6-9 feet of water. Action has been best during early morning or late afternoon and evening, with small vertical jigs tipped with waxies or crappie minnows producing solid numbers.

Bluegill fishing remains steady, with fish suspending a bit deeper, but again we're hearing reports of shallow action, too. A small jig tipped with waxies or red spikes is the go-to presentation. With these guys, the lighter the tackle the better.

The perch action has been good and while they are still being caught over the deeper mud flats, we're finding them up in the shallower water now, too. If you're looking for bigger perch, using larger rosy reds will help keep the little guys off your line. They can be tricky to find but when you do, you can expect fantastic numbers.

The weather forecast looks a little psychotic for this week, with the possibility of some snow on Wednesday. Welcome to March in Wisconsin! That'll definitely make things messy out there. But we've got consistently cold nighttime temperatures for the foreseeable future, which makes getting around in the mornings easier as things firm up overnight. Expect it to be easier to get out there than it is to get back in.

Now is the time of the year to start dreaming about open water. While it looks like we've got at least another couple of weeks on the ice, it's never too early to start checking out your warm-weather rods and reel. Clean and oil those reels and replace old line. And, if you've got any broken tips or guides left over from last year, now is the time to get those taken care of. Hopefully this is one of those years where we go from standing on the ice to standing in a boat nice and fast.

Good luck and good fishin'!

## Bonus harvest authorizations for spring turkey season now available

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) started selling bonus harvest authorizations for the 2025 spring turkey season on Monday, March 17, with a designated sale date for each zone.

Previously known as

leftover permits, bonus harvest authorizations will be available online through the Go Wild license portal and at all licensed sales agents. Sales will begin at 10 a.m. and run through midnight each day. Anyone still seeking harvest authorizations

may purchase bonus authorizations at this time.

New this year: If hunters do not have a Go Wild username and password, they will be required to create them. This is to add another layer of protection to Go Wild accounts.

The DNR highly recommended that hunters create their user name and password before Monday, March 17, as they will not be able to make their bonus harvest authorizations purchase before they have created them, which may slow down their purchase experience.

This means that if people are in the queue to purchase a bonus harvest authorization, but have not yet created their user name and password, they will not be able to do so until it is their turn to enter the site.

User name: Must be between 5-20 characters – the system will display if that username is available to the user.

Password: Must be between 8-20 characters and contain:

- at least one numeric character,
- at least one upper-case character,
- at least one lower-case character,
- and at least one symbol (except the "@" sign).

Password and security answers are case sensitive.

Hunters are encouraged to check the turkey zone



Bonus turkey harvest authorizations went on sale starting March 17.

—Contributed Photo

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Our View

Hats off to Margelofsky

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Karen Margelofsky and the Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) that strive to make Eagle River the ideal community to live, work, vacation and maybe even start a small business, the city was named the 2024 Main Street of the Year by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

WEDC Secretary Missy Hughes visited the downtown area last Friday, where Margelosky took her to show her the highlights of the ERRP's revitalization efforts, namely the Rotary Square on Wall Street, which was then followed by Hughes's announcement that Eagle River would be receiving a Small Business Development Grant worth \$250,000 to further bolster the revitalization and renovation of local small businesses.

None of this would have been possible if it weren't for Margelofsky's constant support, organization, and dedication to helping businesses thrive here in Eagle River.

From helping youngsters develop entrepreneurial skills through the Young Entrepreneur Markets (YEM!) to being a one-stop-shop for new business owners to turn to if they ever need assistance in renovation, marketing, or applying for grants, Margelofsky seems to have it all. Beyond helping businesses, Margelosfky also helps make Eagle River a friendly, creative place to live and visit, whether it be making it accessible to recreational vehicles and pedestrians and cyclists alike, to ensuring art banners decorate city streets.

We applaud and appreciate all the work Margelofsky — along with the ERRP — has done to truly make Eagle River a wonderful place to be.

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How to Replace Important Lost Documents

DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,

How do I go about replacing some important documents that were lost when our home of 50 years burned down? We lost everything including our house deed, car titles, old tax returns, Social Security and Medicare cards, birth certificates, marriage license, and passports.  
Suffering in SoCal

DEAR SUFFERING,

I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of your home, but you'll be pleased to know that replacing most of the lost documents you mentioned is pretty easy once you know where to turn. Here are the resources to help you get started.

**Birth certificates:** If you were born in the United States, contact the vital records office in the state where you were born (see CDC.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm for contact information). This office will give you specific instructions on what you need to do in order to obtain a certified copy and what it will cost you — usually between \$10 and \$30.

**Car titles:** Most states offer replacements through a local department of motor vehicles office. You'll need to complete a replacement title application form and pay the application fee, which varies by state. You'll also need to show ID and proof that you own the car, such as your vehicle registration or your license-plate number and VIN (vehicle identification number).

**Property deed:** To access your house deed, contact your county clerk's office, where deeds are usually recorded. You may be charged a small fee to get a copy.

**Marriage certificate:** Contact the vital records office of the state you were married in to order a copy (see CDC.gov/nchs/w2w/index.htm). You'll need to provide full names for you and your spouse, the date of your wedding, and the city or town where the wedding was performed. Fees range from \$10 to \$30.

**Social Security cards:** In most states, you can request a replacement Social Security card online for free at SSA.gov/myaccount. When you get there, click on "Replace your Social Security Card" and answer a few questions to verify your identity.

**Medicare cards:** If you're enrolled in original Medicare, you can replace a lost or damaged Medicare card by calling Medicare at 800-633-4227, or by logging into your MyMedicare.gov account, where you can print or request a new card to be mailed to you for free. If you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage Plan, such as an HMO, PPO, or PDP, you'll need to call your plan to get your card replaced. And, if you get Railroad Retirement Board benefits, you can get a replacement card by calling 877-772-5772.

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JUDGED WISCONSIN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR



NATIONAL GENERAL EXCELLENCE  
THIRD PLACE, 2018  
SECOND PLACE, 2020  
FIRST PLACE, 2022

A good name might be Old Blue

From a 1941 Ford three-on-the-floor to a 2018 white Chevy, pickup trucks have been a constant companion of mine on almost all of my fishing and hunting forays since I was a teenager.

The '41 Ford was not mine, though I sent it to an ignominious end. My oldest brother owned the truck, earned in lieu of cash payment for lawn raking one spring for a Plum Lake resort owner.

Even before I was old enough to drive it, I sometimes drove it. On its final trip, I was driving a few months before I was old enough to get a driver's license, wheeling along on a dirt road like the Dukes of Hazard guys. I parked in a sandy place so I could take a short walk to a bridge across Plum Creek. My plan was to see if any trout were lurking there.

No trout were visible. Upon returning to the truck, I promptly buried the rear tires to the axle, I suppose while trying to do a wheelie or some such thing on my exit.

This was long before the advent of cell phones, so I set off on a three-mile walk home where upon arriving I would have to fess up my misdeed to my brother.

To my surprise he was not upset at what I'd done. It was old hat for him. My dad

wasn't home, so we piled into his 1960 pickup and headed out, taking a stout tow chain with us.

We hooked the chain on his truck's flimsy front bumper and while I hit the gas in his truck he hit the gas to my dad's. Funny how things don't quite work the way you think they will.

He was able to pull me out of the sand, but not before the bumper of the '41 Ford snapped, with the result being that one end of the broken bumper poked a hole in the radiator.

To sum up, I managed to drive the truck home without the radiator boiling over and parked it part way up a small knoll adjacent to the driveway where it rested in peaceful slumber for three years. We were unable to find a new radiator, so we let the truck sit until one day we came home from duck hunting in his newer pickup and tragically found the '41 was gone.

Turns out, while we were hunting, three guys drove past my dad's house, saw the truck sitting on the knoll, inquired within whether it might be for

sale, and drove away with it on a trailer after forking

over the grand sum of \$25, my brother's wife's asking price.

Needless to say, there were never two more crestfallen aficionados of old, beat-up pickup trucks than the two of us.

My first pickup, a fine machine if ever you looked

upon one, was a 1976 Chevy. It had a narrow box with rear fenders outside the box. The fender on the driver's side only remained there because telephone wire was wrapped around it through the many rust holes it sported, then through the rust holes in the box. It held together for the three years I proudly drove it while fishing and hunting all over my part of the north Wisconsin woods.

Toward the end its brakes began to fail, causing me to brake with my boots on the pavement below, reached because of the large hole in the floor next to the brake pedal.

When I finally had to send the truck off to a junkyard in the sky, I moved up to an '80 Ford. It fit my budget with a purchase price

of \$100. It had no metal box anymore, that long ago having been replaced by the seller with a wooden home-made box.

The gas tank leaked like a sieve, so I found a used six-gallon gas can which I set in the front corner of the box and held it in place with two-by-twos that I nailed in a box around it. I sawed off the gas line and duct-taped a piece of rubber gas line to the original, allowing gas to flow to the carburetor.

Hey, us old duck hunters, wood haulers, and deer slayers were, if nothing else, incredibly inventive anent to our conveyances.

Over the years my financial affairs grew from pauper level to barely self-sufficient to wealthy enough to pay three or four-hundred dollars for a used truck.

Eventually, mainly because my lovely wife made twice the salary I ever made, I was able to purchase almost new trucks that made me the envy of my neighborhood. There was Old Red, Old Blackie, another Old Red, still another Old Red and my current steed, Old Whitey. As you might note, I am quite inventive when it comes to naming my trucks.

All that said, my current Old Whitey is now, after three years in my care, looking forward to another 10 or so. I can listen to a million stations on his Sirius XM radio, cruise in complete comfort during summer heat with air conditioning turned on high, and have cruise control to help me avoid getting any citations from ambitious ticket-wielding officers of the law.

The adventures with all my trucks have been just that; adventures accompanied by bated breath held tightly, with hope in my heart that they would bring me back home in one piece every time a fishing or hunting expedition came to a close.

I'm thinking for my next truck a good name might be Old Blue.



Republican lawmakers diverge on future of conservation stewardship program

For months, Republican lawmakers on the powerful Joint Finance Committee (JFC) have cast doubt on the reauthorization of Wisconsin's land stewardship program following a July state Supreme Court ruling that prohibited the legislative committee from blocking projects after the funds have been budgeted.

A 2023 Wisconsin Watch investigation found that the GOP-controlled committee had increasingly used a secretive "pocket veto" power since Democratic Gov. Tony Evers was elected to block conservation projects under the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program. Lawmakers refused to take action on some projects, preventing them from moving forward.

The program has been funded at roughly \$33 million annually since 2015 and is currently funded through 2026. But only \$20.1 million of those funds were spent in fiscal year 2023-24, according to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

That \$33 million allotment hardly stacks up to the amount the program used to be funded. In 2007, the program was reauthorized for another decade and

allocated \$86 million annually for land purchases, though that was reduced to \$60 million a year in the 2011 budget, then \$50 million in the 2013 budget before bottoming out at \$33 million in the 2015 budget.

Since the 6-1 ruling — with two conservative justices joining the liberal majority — GOP lawmakers have seemed poised to let a popular, bipartisan program die because they don't have final say over spending on the projects.

"It's unfortunate that Gov. Evers' lawsuit (which resulted in the Supreme Court ruling) removed all accountability of the stewardship program, which helped ensure local voices were heard and that taxpayer resources were spent wisely," Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, co-chair of the JFC, said in a statement. "The entire program is now in jeopardy."

In an interview with the Cap Times, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said the odds that Republicans would renew the program were less than 50%.

But JFC vice chair Rep. Tony Kurtz, R-Wonewoc, told Wisconsin Watch that

he is hopeful the program can continue and that nobody in his caucus wants the program to end.

"I'm going to do everything in my power to make sure the program is sustainable for the future," Kurtz said in an interview.

Since 1989, when the program began, the state has spent more than \$23 million in stewardship funds in Kurtz's 41st Assembly District. The program has funded nearly 330 projects in the district ranging from trail developments and campground upgrades, to habitat protection and boat launch construction.

In his executive budget proposal last month, Evers proposed a 10-year renewal of the program with a \$1 billion price tag. Kurtz said the budget committee isn't going to adopt that proposal, but he's committed to seeing the program reauthorized for "the next couple of years." He said every lawmaker has a Knowles-Nelson project "in their backyard" that they might not even know about.

"It is a large price tag," Kurtz said. "But we do need to make the investments. The investments are valuable for the long-term conservation of Wisconsin."

Following a series of listening sessions held in his district, state Sen. Howard Marklein, R-Spring Green,

said attendees spoke in support of the program.

"I am supportive of the program and hope to see it continue, but many of my colleagues in the legislature have reservations," Marklein, co-chair of the JFC, said in a statement.

Kurtz said it's unfortunate the program has become a partisan fight in the Capitol and that some lawmakers are "negative" toward the program, adding that Knowles-Nelson is "more than just one project."

Conservation advocacy groups like Gathering Waters have pushed back against the JFC's threats to kill the program, which provides millions of dollars in grants to local governments and nonprofits.

"I think legislative leaders were certainly unhappy about losing that Supreme Court case in such an unambiguous way," Charles Carlin, director of strategic initiatives for Gathering Waters, told Wisconsin Watch. "There is constantly a temptation for lawmakers to get pulled into partisan battles where politics becomes more about winning than it does about good policy."

When asked if he would veto a state budget that eliminates funding for Knowles-Nelson, Evers said he would use his partial veto power to reject "that part of it."



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MAIN STREET OF THE YEAR — Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Secretary Missy Hughes visited Eagle River last Friday, and was taken on a tour of the downtown area, to meet with local organization and business leaders after the city was named the 2024 Main Street of the Year. —Staff Photo By JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN

PAID LETTER

Taxpayers deserve more open public meetings

To the Editor;  
Ah, spring has arrived. Birds chirping, rising temperatures, and political literature galore. A campaign flyer sent to my home gave me a pause.  
The received flyer, titled, “Vote Debbie Brown for Mayor on April 1” states: “For over 31 years I worked hard for the City of Eagle River as the City Clerk and Treasurer. I balanced all bank statements, created and managed city budgets, payroll, bill payments and federal /state grants.”  
The flyer mentions clean and accurate audits and goes on to bullet point ways to improve services to residents of Eagle River, including to “reduce the number of “closed” meetings — you need to be informed!” Closed is bolded, italicized, underlined and in quotes.  
If closed meetings have occurred without authorization per Wisconsin Statute in violation of open meetings

law, as it seems to me is being implied, did this former official and mayoral candidate make this situation known to the Wisconsin’s Attorney General through a formal complaint?  
A public meeting is legitimately held in closed session, or it is not. Legal exceptions to open meetings include employment matters; consideration of financial, medical or personal information; negotiating purchase of public properties; conducting specified public business for bargaining reasons; conferring with legal counsel about litigation; and a few more limited reasons.  
The received flyer also makes no mention of an audit showing the City of Eagle River spent \$5 million of Tax Incremental District (TID) funds outside designated ‘severely distressed’ districts from 2012-22. The September 2024 audit raises concerns as to

the management and oversight of TID funds and states the majority of the projects were ineligible expenditures that were made outside the boundaries of the designated TIDs. The initial errors in using TID money outside the designated districts were made on the watch of the current mayor, the former city administrator, and the former City Clerk and Treasurer who is now running for mayor.  
Will constituents receive an explanation how these ER TID 2 and TID 3 funds were used? Isn’t this mayoral race the perfect time to shed light on this topic?  
I’ve created bullets of things I believe all taxpayers deserve:  
• Comply with agreements and project plans on how TID funds, and state and federal grants, are to be used and monitor them properly  
• Observe open records and open meetings laws to

include committees and commissions created by ordinance, rule, or through a governmental entity which means they must be held in open session, have agendas and minutes, and be preceded by proper notice — as such, there are no meetings, votes or quorums allowed via email  
• Allow public comment at all public meetings  
• Schedule public meetings during the evening so working people may attend  
• Offer virtual meetings for constituents unable to attend in person  
The above list would make a difference in the lives of taxpayers well beyond flyer discussion of potholes and manhole covers.  
Kathryn Craffey  
Eagle River

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Luck O’ The Irish

Dear Reader,  
Another Saint Patrick’s Day is upon us, and for one day, everyone—Irish or not—joins in the celebration. On this day, we revel in the so-called “luck of the Irish” and pass it along to everyone we meet.  
But what is luck, really? Some see it as pure serendipity—good fortune striking at random, being in the right place at the right time. Luck, in this sense, feels fleeting, unpredictable, something that happens to you rather than something you create.  
Yet, there’s another kind of luck—the kind that isn’t random at all. It’s the luck that comes from hard work integrity, and a commitment to doing what’s right. This kind of luck isn’t just stumbled upon; it’s earned. It’s built through perseverance, through lifting others up rather than stepping over them. It’s the luck that carries not just the fortunate individual but those around them as well.  
Of course, there’s also another version of luck—the kind that comes at the expense of others. The luck of those who cut corners, take advantage, and push others down to climb higher. But that kind of luck is hollow, fleeting, and never truly fulfilling.  
So this Saint Patrick’s Day, may you find yourself on the right side of luck—the kind that brings joy, kindness, and goodwill to all. May your blessings be many, your troubles be few, and your heart be as full as a pint of Guinness.  
PATRICK J. WOOD  
Publisher  
Author of “Reflections” a new book now available on Amazon.



Ojibwe

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musky lakes. Each year, the Ojibwe tribal citizens fish a portion of these lakes outside of reservation boundaries during their spring harvest season. Tribal citizens rely on these lakes to preserve their cultural heritage, and also act as a vital food source for their communities.  
By March 15 of every year, each tribe declares how many walleyes and muskellunge it intends to harvest from each lake based on the safe harvest limits. Harvest begins shortly after the ice melts, with nightly fishing permits issued by the tribes to their members to harvest a specific number of fish, including one walleye between 20 and 24 inches, and one additional walleye of any size.  
All fish that are taken are documented each night by a tribal clerk or warden who are present at boat landings. Once the declared harvest is reached in a given lake, no additional permits are issued for that lake, and the harvest ends. The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) provides daily reports to the DNR for all fish harvested off-reservation by spearfishing or netting in the Ceded Territory.

Tribal rights

In the mid-1800s, the Lake Superior Ojibwe Tribes ceded more than 22,000 square miles of tribal territory across Northern Wisconsin, including all or parts of 30 counties through a series of treaties with the United States federal government.

When the Ojibwe ceded lands to the federal government, they maintained their rights to hunt, fish and gather off reservation land within the Ceded Territory. However, after Wisconsin became a state, state and local officials frequently assumed statehood superseded Ojibwe treaty rights and regulated or prohibited off-reservation hunting, fishing, and gathering by tribal members.

In 1983, a federal court ruling reaffirmed the Ojibwe had the right to hunt, fish and gather off-reservation in the Ceded Territory, including the right to catch fish by spearfishing and netting.

Interfering with Tribal rights

It is illegal to interfere or attempt to interfere with tribal citizens who are exercising treaty rights, including the spring harvest of walleye. Prohibited conduct against any tribal citizen includes, but is not limited to, stalking, obstructing access to lakes, recklessly operating watercraft, creating hazardous wakes, threatening violence and committing acts of violence.  
The Ojibwe spring

harvest, which includes spearfishing, is an integral and respected part of Wisconsin’s history. The DNR is actively engaged with tribal law enforcement officers to protect tribal rights, not only for the upcoming season but for generations to come, and will continue to work to ensure all who participate are able to have a safe and enjoyable experience.  
These treaties and court decisions remain in place today, ensuring the Ojibwe can continue to exercise their right to hunt, fish and gather off-reservation in the Ceded Territories. To assist in regulating those activities, 11 Ojibwe bands have formed GLIFWC, which provides fully trained wardens who patrol the Ceded Territory to make sure tribal citizens are following applicable tribal conservation laws. Violations are cited into tribal courts for prosecution. Ojibwe spearfishing and netting are carefully monitored and regulated by staff from both GLIFWC and the Wisconsin DNR.  
Anyone violating tribal rights could be charged under several Wisconsin laws, fined up to \$10,000, and sentenced up to 9 months in prison. Additionally, any tribal member whose rights are violated may bring civil action for damages and seek a restraining order.

Wisconsin’s hate crime provisions

Wisconsin law includes hate crime penalty enhancements for many crimes if they are committed, at least in part, based on a “belief or perception regarding the race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry of” the victim. For example, when a hate crime penalty enhancement applies to a felony, the maximum fine can be increased by up to an additional \$5,000, and the maximum prison term can be increased by up to an additional 5 years.

Reporting tribal rights infringement

If you have witnessed or been subject to infringement of tribal rights to hunt, fish and gather that is active and involves physical harassment or a verbal threat of physical harm, report that to local law enforcement immediately by calling 911.  
If the threat has passed, contact local law enforcement at the nonemergency number. Call or text the confidential DNR Tip Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR as soon as possible to make a report of the event.  
The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) also recommends reporting any instances of infringement in order to maintain a record and provide appropriate follow up. Call GLIFWC Enforcement at 715-685-2113 to document an incident.

Ideology destroys Earth

To the Editor;  
The United States was the only country to vote against a United Nations resolution declaring an “International Day of Hope.” The resolution was approved 161 to 1.  
The U.S. delegate said that the text “contains references to diversity, equity and inclusion that conflict with U.S. policies that seek to eliminate all forms of discrimination and create equal opportunities for all.”  
Moreover, the United States was one of just three nations, along with Israel and Argentina, to vote against a resolution calling for an “International Day of Peaceful Coexistence.”  
The U.S. representative expressed concern that the resolution “advances a program of soft global

governance that is inconsistent with U.S. sovereignty.”  
If our worst fears regarding war do come to pass, our epitaph will read, “Ideology destroys Earth.”  
John Paul Lederach is Professor of International Peacebuilding at the University of Notre Dame. In 2002, he wrote an essay titled, “Breaking the cycle of violence.”  
In the article, Lederach contends that the most important question the United States and the West can ask other nations is, “How can we help you meet the fundamental needs of your people?”  
Can we not just work together as human beings to build a better world?  
Terry Hansen  
Milwaukee

Savvy

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**Tax returns:** To get copies of old tax returns start with your tax preparer, who usually keeps copies of your returns on file. You can also get copies of federal returns directly from the Internal Revenue Service. You’ll need to fill out and mail in IRS form 4506. Download this form at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4506.pdf or call 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a copy. The cost is \$30 for each return requested.  
To get copies of your state tax returns, contact your state’s department of revenue who will also require a request form. See TaxAdmin.org/fta-members for state contact information.

**Passports:** If your U.S. passports were valid, you’ll need to first report them as lost or stolen so they can be canceled. You can do this online at PPTform.state.gov or in person when you apply for a new passport at a Passport Application Acceptance Facility, which are located in many U.S. post offices. See iaafb.travel.state.gov to locate one near you. You’ll also need to submit Form DS-64 and Form DS-11. The replacement fee is \$130 per passport.  
**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.**

Turkey

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map and spring turkey bonus harvest authorization availability to see if harvest authorizations are available for the time period and zone they intend to hunt.  
Bonus harvest authorizations are \$10 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents. Both residents and nonresidents have equal opportunities to purchase authorizations. Each zone will have a designated sale date. Hunters can purchase bonus authorizations at a rate of one per day until the zone and time period are sold out or until the season closes. Bonus harvest authorization purchases will not affect preference point status for future spring drawings.

Additionally, the DNR recommended that turkey hunters interested in purchasing a Conservation Patron license for the 2025 - 2026 season do so before March 17 to make the bonus harvest authorization process as quick and easy as possible.  
The scheduled sale dates for the 2025 spring turkey bonus harvest authorizations are:  
• Zone 1: Monday, March 17  
• Zone 2: Tuesday, March 18  
• Zone 3: Wednesday, March 19  
• Zone 4: Thursday, March 20  
• Zone 5: Friday, March 21  
• Zone 6: No bonus harvest authorizations available  
• Zone 7: No bonus harvest authorizations available

Any remaining bonus authorizations will go on sale starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 22.  
The Go Wild system will use an online queue to randomly assign numbers to customers who enter the site between 9:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. each day. There is no advantage to entering the site before 9:45 a.m. Customers who join after 10 a.m. will enter the queue in the order of arrival.  
All spring turkey hunters must have a valid spring turkey license, a 2025 wild turkey stamp, and a valid turkey harvest authorization. If they have not already done so, hunters must purchase their spring turkey license and stamp authorization when purchasing a bonus harvest authorization.

2025 Spring Turkey Season

The spring turkey season consists of six distinct periods, each seven days long, and running Wednesday through the following Tuesday. A total of seven zones will be open for turkey hunting in 2025. The 2025 spring turkey season dates are as follows:  
• Youth Hunt: April 12 – 13  
• Period A: April 16 – 22  
• Period B: April 23 – 29  
• Period C: April 30 – May 6  
• Period D: May 7 – 13  
• Period E: May 14 – 20  
• Period F: May 21 – 27  
For more information regarding turkey hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR’s Turkey Hunting and Management webpage.





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- 4 BR/4 BA new construction, 40 AC
- Private, fenced dog run/kennel, gas fireplace
- 3 car attached & heated detached garage, generator

\$989,900

MLS#210848

Eagle River

- 3 BR/2.5 BA, 1825 sq ft townhome
- Home 35, new construction, near ER Chain
- Community clubhouse, indoor pool, basketball court

\$489,500

MLS#210838

Nokomis

- 4 BR/4 BA, 3200 sq ft, turn-key, private, updated
- Recently finished basement, legal lower-level BR
- 2 car detached heated insulated garage, deck

\$465,000

MLS#210901

High Lake

- 3 BR/2 BA, standalone condo, woodburning fireplace
- 470' ripple sand frtg, south facing, 4.5 AC
- 2 car attached garage, 2 sheds, 2 lake chain

\$339,000

MLS#210905

Scattering Rice Lake

- 5 BR/3.5 BA, 4555 sq ft chalet, boathouse
- 222' sandy frtg on Eagle River Chain
- 2 car heated detached garage, LL walkout, full bar

\$3,500,000

MLS#210409

Scattering Rice Lake

- 8 BR/4 BA chalet, meticulously maintained
- 100' pancake level sand frtg on ER Chain
- Great rental history, investment opportunity

\$1,700,000

MLS#209552

Long Lake

- 1.26 AC, great privacy
- 250' swimmable frtg on thoroughfare
- Three Lakes Chain

\$579,900

MLS#210237

Plum Lake

- Turn-key bar
- Great visibility
- On snowmobile trail

\$400,000

MLS#210769

Rhineland

- Commercial vacant land
- 1+ AC, on Hwy 17
- Zoned B3 - General Business

\$199,000

MLS#210611

Rhineland

- 3 BR/2 BA, 1572 sq ft 1.5 story home
- Partially fenced yard, close to Hodag Park
- Main floor primary BR & laundry, enclosed porch

\$179,000

MLS#210829

Eagle River

- 3 BR/2 BA low-maintenance mobile home
- WB fireplace, across from ER Chain & rec trails
- Mobile home only, land is leased

\$66,000

MLS#209624

Watersmeet, Michigan

- 40 AC surrounded by Ottawa Nat'l Forest
- Great for hunting & fishing on Audrey Lake
- Wonderful area to establish home base

\$44,900

MLS#210661

Eagle River

- 1.54 AC wooded, buildable lot
- Private subdivision
- Nearby recreational trails

\$39,900

MLS#210072



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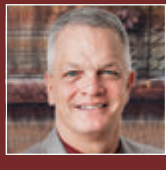
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