



Mayoral, town board elections set next Tuesday

BY JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Voters heading to the polls next Tuesday, April 1 can expect to see town and school board races on their ballots, along with races for state Supreme Court Justice and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In Eagle River, voters will also see the race for city mayor on their ballots. Mayor Jeff Hyslop, who has held the position since he was first elected in April 2001 following then-Mayor Dan Meyer's election into the State Assembly, is being challenged for the seat by Debbie Brown.

Along with the mayoral race, local ballots may also see a race for District 1 Alderperson seat on the City Council, in which Vic Washelesky runs uncontested.

For the Northland Pines School District board, there will be races for two uncontested seats, belonging to board members Nick Seeger and Paul Uebe.

Also on local ballots will be a statewide referendum asking voters to say 'yes' or 'no' to the following state constitution amendment regarding photographic identification for voting:

"Shall section 1m of article III of

the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject established by law?"

Town board races

Across the North Woods, there are contested races for supervisor seats on nearly all town boards. A list of those who will appear on the spring ballot is listed below:

Arbor Vitae: Frank Bauers is running uncontested for his seat as Town Chair while Laurence Haling, David Bonham and Ashley Roach are contesting for Supervisor seats.

Boulder Junction: Dennis Reuss for Town Chair, Daniel Driscoll for Treasurer and incumbent Laura Bertch challenged for Supervisor 2 seat by Dylan Schutt.

Cloverland: Town Chair Scott Maciosek is being challenged by Steve Favorite, Supervisor 1 incumbent Francine Gough is being challenged by Mike Wallner and incumbent Mike Gough is running solo for Supervisor 2 seat.

Conover: Town Chair Karl Jennrich,

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School District capital referendum to be on Three Lakes ballots

Referendum to fund facility improvements if approved

BY JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN
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Three Lakes voters will be posed two questions on their April 1 ballots regarding a capital referendum for the Three Lakes School District that, if approved, will assist with facility improvement needs in district schools.

The first referendum question asks voters to authorize general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18.9 million for the purpose of school building and facility improvement projects that include district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety and security, site improvements and the construction of additions at Sugar Camp Elementary. The Sugar Camp

additions would include classrooms and a cafeteria/multipurpose room.

The second referendum question asks voters to authorize general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2.7 million for the purpose of a facility improvement project that consists of athletic facility and site improvements. This project would include track replacement, field improvements, a concessions/bathroom building and a parking lot expansion, as well as other updates.

In early 2023, the district began the process of assessing facilities. At that time, the district hired Nexus Solutions to complete a detailed facility audit and create a maintenance schedule. Since then, the district has reviewed those findings, surveyed the community about facility needs and formed a community-led planning committee. This referendum is a result of this work and information.

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St. Germain man arrested for 1st-degree homicide

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

56-year-old James Johnson of St. Germain was arrested Saturday morning by Vilas County Sheriff's Office officials after being labeled a suspect in the death of 61-year-old Kelly Johnson.

The Vilas County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call a little after 10:30 p.m. last Friday night from an address in Cloverland that informed them of the finding of a female body they thought to be deceased.

Deputies arrived on scene to find Kelly Johnson "deceased of unnatural causes," according to a report released by the sheriff's office.

Detectives from Vilas and Oneida counties and the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation were dispatched to the scene, along with help from the Department of Justice's mobile Crime Response Team and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

As a result of the investigation, James Johnson of St. Germain was located and arrested for 1st Degree Intentional Homicide.

Johnson appeared before Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Overbey on Monday morning, and was given a \$1 million bond.



WINTER RETURNS — The landscape went from a spring to winter look Sunday as the North Woods received 5 1/2 inches of snow. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

Vilas park user permits go on sale Tuesday

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Park user permits, following an updated user fee structure established for the 2025 season in Vilas County, go on sale Tuesday, April 1.

In 2023, Vilas County implemented a user access fee for all vehicles accessing county parks and landings. From May 1 through Oct. 31 of each year, all vehicles accessing county parks and river or lake access landings are required to purchase a daily or seasonal use permit. The fees generated from these permits support improvements and maintenance of the county parks and landings.

An updated fee structure has been established for the 2025 season to include the permit cost, service charge and tax into a flat fee.

Additionally, a new 3-day permit (consecutive days) is being offered for those utilizing Vilas county parks and landings.

Due to the required validation process, Disabled

Veteran Permits are only offered on an annual basis and any individual who qualifies for the fee exemption is encouraged to register for the annual permit to receive the

fee waiver. Daily, 3-day, and seasonal passes can be purchased on-site at each park and landing location through a user's mobile device by following the instructions on the

location's posted signage. Resident, commercial operator, and nonresident seasonal permits may also be purchased online at vilascountypermits.com through an application

and check-out process. The website also contains information regarding the permitting system and offers customer

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Permit Description	Permit Fee
Disabled Veteran - Resident & Non-Resident	Free
Daily Permit	\$6.00
3-Day Permit	\$18.00
Annual – Veteran - Resident & Non-Resident	\$20.00 (per vehicle)
Annual – Resident	\$30.00 (per vehicle)
Annual – Resident Senior	\$20.00 (per vehicle)
Annual – Non-Resident	\$50.00 (per vehicle)
Annual – Commercial Single Vehicle	\$255.00 (per vehicle)
Annual – Multi-Vehicle (up to 5)	\$380.00
Annual – Multi-Vehicle (excess of 5)	Additional \$30.00 per vehicle



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WEATHERCORNER

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

LAST SEVEN DAYS

ONE YEAR AGO

	Hi	Lo	Prec.		Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Mar. 18.....	40	25	None	Mon., Mar. 18	26	18	0.2" S
Wed., Mar. 19.....	33	29	None	Tues., Mar. 19	31	19	0.2" S
Thurs., Mar. 20	39	22	None	Wed., Mar. 20	37	21	Tr. S
Fri., Mar. 21.....	50	22	None	Thurs., Mar. 21.....	21	7	0.5" S
Sat., Mar. 22.....	32	12	None	Fri., Mar. 22.....	30	2	Tr. S
Sun., Mar. 23.....	32	24	Tr. S	Sat., Mar. 23	28	5	0.7" S
Mon., Mar. 24	16	25	5.7" S	Sun., Mar. 24	30	3	Tr. 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 one day, measuring 0.2" of snow.

Comparison

Days of precipitation recorded since Jan. 1, 2025, 48 days; 2024, 57 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2025, 41; 2024, 42. Average low of past 30 days, 2025, 18; 2024, 17.

SNOW DEPTH

Snow measured around 5.2" in depth the morning of Monday, March 24.

ICE CONDITIONS

The area continues to see good ice thickness across most lakes, ranging from 15-25", but warm days ahead and heavy wet snow mean runoff and slush are increasing fast. Be especially careful near inlets, outlets, and anywhere current flows through – like the channels on the chain – where ice can thin quickly.

5-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Partly cloudy.

Thursday: Mix of sun and clouds.

Friday: A wintry mix to start, then changing to rain.

Saturday: Ice changing to rain.

Sunday: Chance of a few snow showers.

Hi:46

Lo:27

Hi:52

Lo:28

Hi:40

Lo:28

Hi:34

Lo:24

Hi:33

Lo:22

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NEWS



INCREDIBLE DONATION — IncredibleBank of Minocqua presented the Lakeland Pantry with a \$3,000 donation from a recent matching funds campaign. The money will be used toward providing much needed supplemental food support for our communities. Pictured, from left to right, are Ginny Buzzell, Lakeland Pantry; Susan Grams, IncredibleBank; and Jane Lipp, Lakeland Pantry. —Contributed Photo

Pines forensics team to compete at State competition in Madison

The Northland Pines High School Forensics Team, made up of 14 students, will compete at the State competition held at UW-Madison on Saturday, April 11, and Sunday, April 12.

Team members advancing to State include Stevie Brown, Aubrey Beyer, Lily Sellnow, Chloe Tabbert, Chloe Moran, Miles Kirschbaum, Wyatt Stebbeds, and Kyle Page in Play Acting; Alexandra Oas and Eden Gaulke in Group Interpretative Reading; Miana Miller and Kayleigh Rulec in Poetry; Ben Braunel in Storytelling; and Lily Rushman in Oratory Speech.

In order to make it to the State level, students had to pass through three rounds of Sub-District competition where they had to earn two scores of 16 out of 25 or above, and three rounds of District competition where



The NPHS forensics team is statebound, with 14 students heading to Madison to compete in State competitions in April. Picture in the front row, from left to right, are Miana Miller, Lily Sellnow and Chloe Tabbert. In middle row are Eden Gaulke, Alexandra Oas, Lily Rushman, Aubrey Burns, Stevie Brown, and Kayleigh Rulec. In back row are Miles Kirschbaum, Kyle Page, Wyatt Stebbeds and Ben Braunel. —Photo By Ashley Heid

they had to earn two scores of 21 out of 25 or above. NPHS Forensic Team Coaches are Amber Tilley and Kaitlin Nellesen, both teachers at the high school.

HeadwatersChapterto meet April 2

The Headwaters Chapter M.I. will host area Department of Natural Resources (DNR) biologists in a panel discussion on Tuesday, April 2, to go over their plans for this year, as well as commenting on the upcoming Conservation Congress questions.

Starting at 7 p.m. at the (VFW) Veterans Resource Center in Eagle River, Head Fisheries Team Supervisor Royce Zehr and her area biologists from Oneida Co. Nathan Lederman, Vilas Co. Eric Wegleitner, Forest Co. Greg Matzke, and Onida Fisheries Tech Chad Leanna will explain what they plan on doing this year in their area counties and answer questions. The discussion will be open to the public.

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VOTE TO RE-ELECT JEFF HYSLOP, MAYOR FOR EAGLE RIVER

Remember to Vote April 1, 2025

"I am deeply honored to serve as your Mayor and would be grateful for your support in earning another two-year term. I humbly ask for your vote and thank you for the opportunity to continue serving our community."

~ Mayor, Jeffrey A Hyslop

"Mayor Hyslop's leadership and devotion to the city is beyond reproach. His decision making is always in the best interest of the City and its taxpayers. He has helped the council navigate difficult decisions in the past 2 years with integrity and insight, making the city the best it can be. Let's keep this trend going, please join me, and vote Jeff Hyslop for Mayor."

~ Council President Kim Schaffer

"In the time I have been on the City Council, Mayor Hyslop has demonstrated his dedication and compassion for the citizens and businesses of Eagle River. I fully support his re-election."

~ Alderman Vic Washelesky

"Jeff is dedicated and hardworking, and remains steadfast in his loyalty to Eagle River. A man of strong faith, he approaches every decision with thoughtfulness and care. He has my full support!"

~ Alderman Jerry Burkett

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Elections

FROM PAGE 1

Supervisor 1 Duane Hunt and Supervisor 2 Neal Adams.

Lac du Flambeau: Town Chair incumbent Matt Gaulke is being challenged by Stephanie Minisnookwe Thompson while Dennis Pearson, Rick LaRock, Raymond Wildcat, Bob Hanson and Stephanie Greeneway vie for Supervisor seats.

Land O' Lakes: Town Chair Dan Balog, Treasurer Lynn Jolin and Supervisor incumbent Kevin Konnow is being challenged by Samuel Otterpohl.

Lincoln: Town Chair Bill Hassey, Supervisor 1 Kim Simac and Supervisor 3 incumbent Bill Marshall is being challenged by Dick Stoegbauer.

Manitowish Waters: Town Chair John Hanson and Doug Zeise and Lynn Schroeder for Supervisor.

Phelps: Town Chair Steve Doyen, Steve Waier and Maureen Robinson for Supervisor seats and Brett Petrick for Constable.

Plum Lake: Town Chair Jackey Postuchow, Supervisors Kevin Rasmussen and Jona Eliason and Treasurer Bob Klager is being challenged by Shane Zaruba.

Presque Isle: Town Chair incumbent John MacLean is being challenged by Allen Eschenbauch; Carl Wolter and Cathy Logan Weber for Supervisor seats, Kimberly Prott for Town Clerk and Becky Jirikowic for Treasurer.

St. Germain: Town Chair John Votja, Supervisor 4 Peggy Nimz and Treasurer Jenn Jones.

Washington: Town Chair Jim Egan, Carole Linn and Art Granat for Supervisor seats.

Winchester: Town Chair Joseph Discianno; vying for Supervisor seats include Danny Dye, Sulo Waino, Nicholas Newton and Robert Silvis; Eric Newton for Town Clerk and John Grimmer for Treasurer.

School board races

The Northland Pines School District isn't the only district to have races for school board seats.

In the Arbor Vitae-Woodruff School District, Christopher Thielman and James Hinterleinter are racing for a seat on the school board.

For the Lakeland Union High School District, races on the ballot include Josh Kraemer running uncontested for a North Lakeland Area representative seat, incumbent Ross Peterson racing with Dean Bortz and Thomas Gaebert for an At-Large representative seat and Dean Bortz running uncontested in a seat for Woodruff J1 representative seat. Brian Dreber and Stephanie McClellan are running uncontested in their seats as Presque Isle and Manitowish Waters representatives respectively.

For the Lac du Flambeau school district, board member Gary Smith is being challenged by Brian Jackson.

Debbie Brown for Mayor

Hi, I am Debbie Brown, and I am asking for your vote for City of Eagle River Mayor on April 1st.

Instead of wasting taxpayer money - spending thousands of dollars for a Milwaukee firm to do our city budget I will work with staff to get a sensible budget done in house as I did for 31 years as your Clerk/Treasurer.

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VETERANS DONATION — The Veterans Resource Center (VCR) in Eagle River donated \$500 to Vilas County Deputy Sheriff's Union Local 118. The donation will be going toward the 4th Annual Books vs. Badges charity basketball game in April. Pictured here are VCR President Denny Geiseman (left) presenting the check to Vilas County Deputy Sheriff Rod Dumovich (right).

— Photo By Bill Jacobs

Ballots

FROM PAGE 1

The Three Lakes School District last passed a capital referendum in 1992. At that time, the large gym, auditorium, commons and district offices were added and other major building improvements were made.

In 2022, district voters passed an operational referendum, which allows the district to exceed the annual revenue limit. Operational referendums are used for day-to-day expenses that help maintain things such as class size, programs and student services.

The district is on a five-year cycle for operational referendums and will again seek voter approval for one in 2027.

Other races

Along with the two referendum questions, voters will also be asked to cast votes in races for

town and school board supervisor seats.

Town Chair Roger Brisk is running uncontested; Matt Olkowski and Jeffrey Boehm are in the race for Supervisor seats; and Lanae Kowalski is running for Treasurer.

For Three Lakes School District board seats, Brian Fritz, Elisha Williams and Juanita Duchrow are running for representative seats.

Information on elections can be found by visiting townofthreelakeswi.gov/election-information.

The Demmer Library will also be hosting a Meet the Candidates event at The Brew Station on Wednesday, March 26 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The event is designed for those interested to hear from the candidates ahead of the election next Tuesday, April 1.

Information on statewide races, along with general election information, can also be found by visiting myvote.wi.gov/en-us.

Veterans Resource Center receives \$6K grant

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) in Eagle River has been awarded a \$6,000 grant by the American Land Title Association (ALTA) Good Deeds Foundation.

The Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded by ALTA, the national trade association of the land title insurance industry.

“We are honored to be the recipient of this grant from the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation,” said Dennis Geiseman, Commander at the Veterans Resource Center. “Our organization will use this grant to

support the needs of all veterans.”

VRC is one of 17 nonprofit organizations across the United States that received a grant this month from the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation. The Foundation announced the recipients of this year’s first round of biannual grants during ALTA EDge, held March 19-21 in Louisville, Ky.

“In just a few years, the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation has transformed the generosity of title professionals into tangible community impact, awarding more than \$1.2 million to 211 nonprofit organizations

across the country,” said Foundation Board Chair Mary O’Donnell, president and CEO of Westcor Land Title Insurance Co. and past president of ALTA. “These grants empower local organizations to continue their critical work, strengthening neighborhoods and supporting those in need.”

“The title insurance industry is built on protecting homeownership, and through the ALTA Good Deeds Foundation, we extend that commitment beyond our work and into our communities,” said ALTA CEO Diane Tomb. “By supporting nonprofits dedicated to community

initiatives, we help strengthen neighborhoods and ensure families have the resources they need to build better futures.”

The ALTA Good Deeds Foundation was launched in 2020 to bolster the charitable efforts of ALTA members. Title insurance professionals can apply for grants on behalf of recognized 501(c)(3) organizations that they support financially or through volunteer efforts; preference is given to housing-related charities. To give to the Foundation, visit altagooddeeds.org/donate or text GOODDEEDS to 44321.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Bailey



Mary J. Bailey, age 84, of Arbor Vitae passed away at her home on March 15, 2025.

She was born on April 30, 1940, in Elgin, Ill. to Kenneth and Selma Egerton.

Mary and her husband Donald owned and operated Bailey's Resort for 20 years. She also taught piano to St. Germain and Eagle River residents, ranging in age from 8-80. She also was the church organist at the Evangelical Free Church in St. Germain and a member of Faith Evangelical Free Church in Woodruff. In 2001 she traveled to Ukraine with seven others on a Misson trip.

Mary was a member of the St. Germain Prime Timers, member volunteer at Boxes of Love and the St. Germain Fire Department Auxiliary, where she started the fish fry and the St. Germain Flea Market.

She is survived by her children; Debra (Bean) Mullins, Karen (Bill) Stackpole, James (Vonice) Bailey and David Bailey; six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; sister Donna Schultz; and brother Douglas.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to the Forest County Humane Society, 701 Industrial Parkway, Crandon, WI 54520

Bolger Cremation and Funeral Service is assisting the family. www.bolgerfuneralhome.com

PAID OBITUARY

Ervin Volkmann Jr



Ervin W. Volkmann Jr., of Waupaca, went Home to be with the Lord on March 5, 2025, at the Bethany Home in Waupaca, at the age of 82.

Ervin was born March 8, 1942, in Wakefield, Wis. son of the late Ervin Sr. and Bertha (Buell) Volkmann.

Growing up, he attended schools in various areas and graduated from Phelps High School.

Following high school, Ervin felt a calling toward ministry, so he began taking online courses from Moody Bible Institute in preparation for the ministry. From there, he pastored at numerous churches in Mondatana, Idaho, and Wisconsin, with the last one being New Hope Community Church in Junction City, Wis.

Over the years, Ervin found joy in a variety of activities including skeet shooting and woodworking. In fact, many of his woodworking projects turned into gifts for family and friends.

Ervin is lovingly survived by his wife, Jan; his son, Bryan; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ervin was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin Sr. and Bertha; a son, Charles; and his first wife, Linda.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Shuda Funeral Chapel is honored to be assisting the family.

PAID OBITUARY

Marcia Rondello



Marcia Adele Regent Rondello, age 92, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2025, at Careview Health and Rehab Center in Minocqua, Wis.

Marcia was born March 28, 1932, to Kenneth and Althea Regent, Riverhead, New York. She studied art in Paris, France and earned her teaching degree in Buffalo, New York.

Marcia married Ignace "Jack" Rondello in 1957, and bought a home in Margate, Florida. They moved to Eagle River, Wis. seasonally in 1958, and full time in 1970. She taught art education at Eagle River Grade School, and later, was employed by Rhinelander Catholic Central. She retired shortly after husband Jack passed away in 1992.

Marcia enjoyed playing pool, line dancing, cross-country skiing, photography, good music, making art and painting, exploring the outdoors, playing games with family, especially dominoes, and having fun with good friends. She loved to dress up, and always wore her favorite jewelry, right up until her passing.

Marcia Rondello is survived by her sister, Donna, of New Limerick, Maine; children, Pete (Elizabeth) Rondello, Louise (Tony) Halek, Dan (Charmaine Winters) Rondello; grandchildren, Angela Maki, Peter Rondello II, Alix Hughes, Sydney Hayashi, Christopher Hayashi; and great-grandchildren, Madison Rondello and Lucy Hughes.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 105 First Street, Eagle River, WI.

Special appreciation of the family to the staff at Careview Health and Rehab for their excellent care of Marcia Rondello.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Francis "Bugs" Mathieu



Francis E. Mathieu died March 14, 2025. He was 84.

Mr. Mathieu is survived by his wife, Jeanine (née Luebke); two daughters, Lori (Lee) Waldman, and Shelli Mathieu; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister, Gloria Neu; one brother-in-law; one sister-in-law; nephews; nieces; cousins; and many friends.

Mr. Mathieu was an Army Veteran.

Mr. Mathieu was an EMT and Volunteer Fire Fighter for the Menomonee Falls Fire Department for many years, retiring as a Captain. He retired from the Village of Menomonee Falls as its Superintendent of Public Works in 2003 and moved to Eagle River.

Mr. Mathieu enjoyed life in the North Woods, fishing, tinkering in his garage, and doing yard work. He was also an active member of the local snowmobile club, the Sno-Eagles.

In lieu of flowers, we request that donations be made in his name to Children's Hospital of Wisconsin at giving.childrenswi.org or maccfund.org

A Mass will be held on Saturday March 29, 2025, at 11a.m. at St. Boniface Church W204 N11940 Goldendale Rd. Germantown, WI 53022. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service. A memorial in Eagle River will be held at a later date.

Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home is serving the family.



After a long life full of love, games, and travel Doris Claire Jackson, age 94, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on March 19, 2025, at her home in Eagle River, Wis.

She spent her childhood in Eagle River, married in 1951, lived in Glendale, Wis. for over 30 years, then returned to Eagle River upon retirement.

Doris is survived by her husband of 73 years, Ron Jackson; their children, David (Linda) Jackson, Judy (Bob) Dow, Audrey (Frank) Emery, Carol (Gary) Karabelas, Barbie (Scott) Jackson and Daniel Jackson. Their grandchildren, Paula, Ron, Rebecca, Lisa, Bradley, Mickey, William, Randy, Susan, and Nicole. Their great-grandchildren Kylar, Kael, Draven, Samantha, Allie, Cecilia, Isabelle, CJ, Kennedy, Nahla and Pike.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joe Fonferek and Caroline (née Boerschinger) Fonferek; sisters, Rosemary (née Fonferek) Jackson and Caroline (née Fonferek) Ehlers; daughter-in-law Pamela (née Larson) Jackson; and granddaughter Tambi.

Doris spent a great deal of time traveling with her husband Ron, and with many friends and relatives. She went on numerous trips to Alaska and Canada, as well as trips to many other locations including Ireland, the Panama Canal, twice to the Arctic Circle, and casinos throughout the United States. During these trips they spent a lot of time fishing and enjoying the outdoors. While in Eagle River her favorite activities included playing cards, bingo, and visiting casinos. When not taking part in those activities she could be found relaxing with a good book.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday July 18, 2025, at St. Peter the Fisherman church in Eagle River, WI at 11 a.m. followed by a mass at noon.

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

PAID OBITUARY

Micheal "Zeke" Zebrowski



Micheal A. Zebrowski memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday March 28, 2025, at the Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

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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.

OBITUARIES

Sue (Jaaska) Boers



Sue Ellyn (Jaaska) Boers, 81 of Ontonagon, Mich., passed peacefully at home on Saturday, March 22, 2025, cared for by her eternally dedicated and loving husband. He was supported by wonderful caregivers from Regional Hospice Services "Sarah thank you!" and the wonderful team at Sunset Harbor Homecare.

Sue graduated from Phelps Wisconsin High School in 1961 and then attended Northland College in Ashland. She then went to UW Oshkosh where she completed her Bachelor of Library Science Degree. She managed libraries in Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac and then the Demmer Memorial Library of Three Lakes. This is where she met Ed, her beloved husband and eternal best friend. They were married on Nov. 11, 1988.

Ed and Sue moved to Arizona in 1992 where Sue became the Law Librarian for the Arizona Department of Corrections and retired from there in 2007.

She loved to celebrate her Finnish and Bohemian heritage as well as delight her guests with her culinary expertise focused on her Finnish culinary traditions with a bit of Southwest heat added for good measure. Ed and Sue had many wonderful adventures and loved to explore and enjoy each other's company. After Sue and Ed's retirement, they lived and traveled in their Motorcoach between Arizona and Ontonagon before permanently settling in Ontonagon in 2017.

Sue was preceded in death by her father Wayne and mother Mae Jaaska.

Sue is survived by her loving husband Edwin Boers; Stepchildren, Andrew and Tammi Boers (Chloe, Paxton), Jason & Jodi Boers, Aimee VanderMey (Chase, Vince).

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation to Ontonagon County Animal Protection, <https://www.ocappaws.org> in memory of Sue Ellyn Boers.

Cane Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. PAID OBITUARY

William "Bill" Martin



William R. Martin (Bill), of Phelps, Wis., age 72, passed away surrounded by his family on Saturday March 22, 2025, at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau. He suffered a heart attack, leaving behind a void that will be deeply felt.

Bill was born on Dec. 9, 1952, in Dodgeville to William R. "Ralph" Martin and Sally (Smart)

Martin. Bill graduated from Dodgeville High School in 1971.

Bill found unwavering strength and companionship in Mary Sheets, his devoted partner, who stood by his side through life's joys and challenges. They built their life together in Phelps sharing it with his beloved canine companion, Duke.

From the time he could push a mower and shovel snow, Bill was forging his own path, setting the stage for a lifetime of self-employment. Bill was a versatile flooring specialist, mastering both the hands-on craft of installation and the business acumen of owning or managing flooring stores, serving both residential and commercial clients.

An avid outdoorsman, Bill's love of hunting and fishing provided him with countless cherished memories and a deep connection to the natural world. Northern Wisconsin was a place where he truly felt at home. He occasionally enjoyed a good cigar, and in his retirement, Bill discovered a passion for confectionery, particularly at Christmas. He delighted in sharing his homemade candies, gifting generous bundles to friends and family, spreading sweetness and joy.

Bill is survived by his children, Eric Martin (Kassandra Sauter) of Sauk City, Aaron (Kristin) Martin of Minneapolis, Drew (Erin) Martin, Wendy (Andrew) Martin of Minneapolis, and Sean Martin of Minneapolis; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Bill is also survived by his siblings, Laura (Gary) Cisler of Mineral Point, Todd (Julie) Martin of Dodgeville and David (Rebecca) Martin of Madison.

He was preceded in death by granddaughter, Grace Martin; and his parents, Ralph and Sally Martin.

The family is planning a gathering to honor Bill and will be announced at a later date. Bill's life, with a gentle reflection of his heart as a father, friend, and brother, will forever illuminate our memories. PAID OBITUARY

Barbara (Johnson) Bryan



Barbara L. (Johnson) Bryan, age 76, unexpectedly passed away on Oct. 31, 2024, after a sudden decline in health.

She was Born on Sep. 17, 1948, in Rhinelander, Wis., to Virgil and Lorraine Johnson of Land O Lakes Wis. Barbara attended Eagle River high school. She then moved to Scottsdale, Ariz.

where she enrolled at Barbazon Modeling school, eventually settling in San Diego, a California lifestyle she so enjoyed.

Barbara is survived by her husband of forty years, Patrick Bryan; brother, Robert, and his wife Brenda Hughes; and niece, Ashley Johnson Munzing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mary Johnson.

Barbara was a kind and loving person, known for her strong will, determination, and constant struggle for perfection in her daily life. The loss of Barbara will be deeply felt in our family's hearts.

We miss you, Barbara. Donations can be made in Barbara's name to the ASPCA. PAID OBITUARY

Gonna need a new JOB?

We have good companies looking for new employees in our help wanted section!

VILAS COUNTY NEWS-REVIEW 715-479-4421



Town of Washington Vilas County, Wisconsin

Notice Town of Washington

The Annual Meeting of the Town Electors in the Town of Washington will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall, located at 2301 Town Hall Rd, Eagle River WI.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Town of Washington Board will call to order the April meeting of the Town Board.

Nancy Sobralski Town Clerk

PART TIME CIRCULATION DRIVER NEEDED

Typically on Tuesdays, approx. 6 plus hours. Also Wednesdays from June-August, approx. 4 plus hours. There may be opportunities for additional hours. Must have your own vehicle, a valid driver's license, and ability to occasionally lift up to 50lbs.

Apply by sending resume to boldenburg@mmlocal.com or mailing to the Vilas County News Review P.O. Box 1929, Eagle River, WI 54521



Applications are available in office, at 425 W. Mill St., Eagle River

www.vcnewsreview.com

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 to request an application packet.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

MINOCQUA POLICE DEPT. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FULL-TIME E-911 TELECOMMUNICATOR ***No Experience Necessary, Will Train!***

Minocqua Police Department is accepting applications for a Full-Time E-911 Telecommunicator. This position is a civilian position responsible for performing a wide variety of communication-related tasks.

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 Kortenhof, at: jkortenhof@minocquapd.gov to request an application.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

CLASSIFIEDS

Tools and Equipment 7254

Join us at the WPS Farm Show, outdoor booth 3250, for deep discounts on all in stock equipment. Hud-son Forestry of Wisconsin. Call 608-572-7659

Dogs 7272

5 month old Boston Terrier male, \$100. Call 715-937-0916

General Employment 7110

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Merrill, WI. Seeking Director of Youth & Family Ministry, Part-Time Position(20 Hours Per Week). The position strives to foster Christian community through building relationships with young people and their families and pursuing ways to bring all generations together to participate in God's mission for this church. Call 715-536-5813.

Skilled Trades 7175

Fireplace salesman: The Energy Shop is looking to hire someone for showroom sales. They must be reliable and motivated to work. Work weeks are Monday through Friday 9-5 and every other Saturday 9-1. Hearth products such as fireplaces and stoves are some of the products you will be selling. Computer skills are a must. We will train you on everything you will need to know to be successful at the job. Must be able to communicate on the phone and in person with people. Benefits include competitive wages, holiday pay, sick pay, health insurance, and 401k retirement. The Energy Shop 5016 Hwy 70W Eagle River, 54521 (715)479-4533 email rgunderson@energysshop-gb.com

Skilled Trades 7175

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIANS WANTED: Conger Industries Inc., a leading material handling equipment company with over 70 years of experience, is seeking skilled Field Service Technicians to join our team. Duties include troubleshooting, repairing, and maintaining forklifts amongst other material handling equipment from industry-leading brands. We offer competitive wages, paid time off, health insurance, 401(k) with employer match, ongoing training, and growth opportunities. Prior experience in mechanical, electrical, or hydraulic systems is preferred. Join a company that values its employees and their expertise! To Apply: call (920) 499-5181 ext. 101 or email hr@conger.com

Miscellaneous Services 7374

SERVICES: Offering housekeeping and outdoor maintenance. Also available for small handyman jobs. References available. Call Jon @ 920-418-0651.

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Join Our Team Northwoods Childcare Center Call or Email wendy today 715-479-7529 wendy@northwoodschildcare.com 1165 Hwy 45S Eagle River, WI 54521

MECHANIC WANTED

Lakeland Lawn & Equipment is looking for a small engine mechanic at their expanding John Deere dealership in Northern Wisconsin. Candidate should have experience in small engines, diesel engines, utility vehicles & snowblower repairs.

- EXCELLENT STARTING WAGE
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CALL (715) 356-6568 FOR QUESTIONS, OR TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW.

JOHN DEERE LAKELAND LAWN & EQUIPMENT, INC. 10839 Hwy. 70 East, Arbor Vitae, WI

NOW HIRING: Head Chef Line-Cook Lodging - Front Desk Information or to apply: kerri@eaglewaters.com or call: 715-522-5043

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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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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.
Cottage Grove, WI 53527

vs
Todd Kapke
12806 Tall Pines Rd.
Lac du Flambeau, WI 54548

Plaintiff(s)

Defendant

PUBLICATION SUMMONS
AND NOTICE OF FILING
TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE
AS DEFENDANT(S):
You are being sued by the person(s)
named above as Plaintiff(s).
Within Forty (40) days of receiving
this Summons you must respond
with a written demand for a copy of
the complaint. The demand must be
sent or delivered to the court, whose
address is: Vilas Courthouse, 330
Court Street Eagle River, WI 54521
and to Turke & Steil, LLP attorney for
Plaintiff, whose address is 1 E. Mil-
waukee Street Suite 200 Janesville,
WI 53545. You may have an attorney
help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy within
the 40 days, the court may enter a
judgment against you in favor of the
person(s) suing you. A copy of the
claim has been sent to you at your

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VILAS COUNTY

(Three weeks 3/26-4/9/25)
STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY
-PROBATE-
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25PR16

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
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istration was filed.
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3. All interested persons waived

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SPRING ELECTION
April 1, 2025

**NOTICE OF POLLING HOURS & LOCATIONS
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FOR
NORTHLAND PINES BOARD OF EDUCATION
VILAS & ONEIDA COUNTIES**

Town of Cloverland	Town Hall	5860 Perch Lake Rd., Eagle River
Tracy Schilling, Clerk		715-479-3434
Town of Conover	Town Hall	4665 Co. Highway K, Conover
Kendra Lederer, Clerk		715-479-8688
Town of Land O' Lakes	Town Hall	4331 Highway B, Land O'Lakes
Lynn Jolin, Clerk		715-547-3255
Town of Lincoln	Town Hall	1205 Sundstein Rd., Eagle River
Shelly Sauvola, Clerk		715-479-7000
Town of Phelps	Fire Hall	4499 Town Hall Rd., Phelps
Sheryl Ward, Clerk		715-545-2270
Town of Plum Lake	Town Hall	8755 Lake St., Sayner
Kim Lechner, Clerk		715-542-4531
Town of St. Germain	Community Center	545 Highway 155, St. Germain
June Vogel, Clerk		715-542-8024, Option 1
Town of Washington	Town Hall	2301 Town Hall Rd., Eagle River
Nancy Sobralski, Clerk		715-479-8886
City of Eagle River	City Hall	525 E Maple St., Eagle River
Becky Bolte, Clerk		715-479-8682
Town of Newbold	Northlife Church	6065 Hwy 70 E, St. Germain
Kim Gauthier, Clerk		715-362-1092

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/s/ Erica Lane
Board Clerk
Northland Pines School District

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
VILAS COUNTY
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

To create section 1m of article III of the constitution; **relating to:** requiring photographic identification to vote in any election (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 73, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 9, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1m of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 1m (1) No qualified elector may cast a ballot in any election unless the elector presents valid photographic identification that verifies the elector's identity and that is issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state. The legislature shall by law establish acceptable forms of photographic identification, and the legislature may by law establish exceptions to the requirement under this subsection.

(2) A qualified elector who is unable to present valid photographic identification on election day shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot may not be counted unless the elector presents valid photographic identification at a later time and place as provided by the legislature by law.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2025; and, be it further

Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that "[o]nly a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum." Wis. Const. art. III, § 2. The referendum question would add a new provision to Wis. Const. art. III to require that voters present valid photographic identification to exercise their rights as electors.

The proposed constitutional text would provide that acceptable photographic identification must be "issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state." The proposal therefore would exclude identification such as out-of-state driver's licenses and tribal identification issued by non-Wisconsin tribes.

The proposal would allow, but not require, the legislature to create exceptions to the identification requirement. Courts have held that some exceptions are required by the U.S. Constitution. The proposal would also prevent future legislatures from repealing statutory photographic identification requirements altogether.

A "yes" vote would vote to create a new article III, section 1m of the Wisconsin Constitution to require voters to present "valid photographic identification" in order to vote.

A "no" vote would vote not to create the new constitutional provision.

DONE in the County of Vilas,
this 4th day of March 2025.
s/Kimberly Olkowski
Vilas County Clerk

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VILAS COUNTY

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NOTICE OF ELECTION
OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
Sec. 120.06 (8) (c)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Northland Pines School District that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, an election of school board members will be held. Candidate(s) for the school board are as follows:

Northland Pines School District
School Board Member from Area D
(Town of Plum Lake)

_____ Nick Seeger
_____ Write In: _____

Northland Pines School District
School Board Member At Large #2

_____ Paul J. Uebe
_____ Write In: _____

Electors will vote at their regular polling places. Electors should contact his/her Town Clerk if there are questions and/or to obtain an absentee ballot. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. dated this 26th day of March, 2025.

/s/ Erica Lane
Board Clerk
Northland Pines School District

**FACSIMILE OF
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT**

**Northland Pines School District
Election-at-Large • April 1, 2025**

NOTICE TO ELECTORS: THIS BALLOT MAY BE INVALID UNLESS INITIALED BY TWO (2) ELECTION OFFICIALS SERVING AS BALLOT CLERKS. IF CAST AS AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, THE BALLOT MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE MUNICIPAL CLERK OR DEPUTY CLERK.

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, color in the oval at the RIGHT of the name. If the name is not printed on the ballot, write the name in the blank space provided for that purpose.

School Board Member from Area D
(Town of Plum Lake)

VOTE FOR ONE

NICK SEEGER.....
Write In.....

School Board Member At Large #2

VOTE FOR ONE

PAUL J. UEBE.....
Write In.....

/s/ Erica Lane
Board Clerk
Northland Pines School District

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SPRING ELECTION
April 1, 2025

**NOTICE OF POLLING HOURS & LOCATIONS
VILAS COUNTY**

Town of Arbor Vitae	Town Hall	10675 Big Arbor Vitae Dr.
Emily Bierterz, Clerk		715-356-3120
Town of Boulder Junction	Community Center	5392 Park St. (Hwy M)
Dan Driscoll, Clerk		715-385-2220
Town of Cloverland	Town Hall	5860 Perch Lake Rd.
Tracy Schilling, Clerk		715-479-3434
Town of Conover	Town Hall	4665 County Rd K East
Kendra Lederer, Clerk		715-479-8688
Town of Lac du Flambeau	Town Hall	109 Old Abe Rd.
Sue Schoonover, Clerk		715-588-3358
Town of Land O' Lakes	Town Hall	4331 Highway B
Lynn Jolin, Clerk		715-547-3255
Town of Lincoln	Town Hall	1205 Sundstein Rd.
Shelly Sauvola, Clerk		715-479-7000
Town of Manitowish Waters	Town Hall	5733 Airport Rd.
Dana Hilbert, Clerk		715-543-8400
Town of Phelps	Fire Hall	4499 Town Hall Rd.
Sheryl Ward, Clerk		715-545-2270
Town of Plum Lake	Town Hall	8755 Lake St.
Jane Rosewicz, Interim Clerk		715-542-4531
Town of Rosewicz Isle	Town Hall	8306 School Loop Rd. (Hwy B)
Kim Protz, Clerk		715-686-2473
Town of St. Germain	Community Center	545 Highway 155
June Vogel, Clerk		715-542-8024 opt 1
Town of Washington	Town Hall	2301 Town Hall Rd. (near Hwy. 17)
Nancy Sobralski, Clerk		715-479-8886
Town of Winchester	Town Hall	7228 Co. Highway W
Joan Wainio, Clerk		715-686-2123
City of Eagle River	City Hall	525 E Maple St.
Becky Bolte, Clerk		715-479-8682

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REAL ESTATE

March 13, 2025
Diane C. Kuntz to Jeremy Weight, SW NW and NW SW in 4-39-10, and NE SE and SE NE in 5-39-10, \$390.

Vilas County Sheriff Agent and Estate of Doris M. Close to Gerald F. Huth, gov lots 1-2 in 4-39-10, \$930.

March 14, 2025
Personal Representative Lynn Bartlett and Estate of Marilyn M. Schmidt to David Schmidt, gov lot 5 in 29-42-10, \$600.

Rothmeiers LLC to Marcia L. MacPhearson Revocable Trust and Marcia L. Mac Phearson, SE SE in 8-41-10, \$600.

David B. Armour and Mary E. Armour to Andrew E. Meyer-Millmann and Rebecca K. Meyer-Millmann, NW NW and SW NW in 18-40-11, \$1,122.

Junction Square LLC to Winklers Woodland LLC, lot 13 in block 8 of plat 418 in Boulder Junction Assessors PLT, \$60.

Troy Winegar and Kelly Winegar to Brian Lewis and Karen Tooley Lewis, lot 4 of plat 785 in Golden Retreat Estates, \$240.

Trustee Ann Koester and Gilbert B. and Louis E. Jung Revocable Trust to Trustee Debra A. Pfortmiller and Declaration of Trust Debra A. Pfortmiller, unit 10 of plat 813 in Jung's Resort Condominium, \$105.

Ginette Peuckert Living Trust and Trustee Denise Starcher to Kevin Galek and Laquita A. Galek, SW NW and NW SW in 1-41-11, \$454.50.

MJC Ventures LLC to Andrew T. Heinz, gov lot 3 in 35-40-9, \$132.

ERPC LLC to Eagle River Professional Holdings LLC, OUT lot 1 of plat 393 in County Clerks Plat NW NE, \$1,200.

March 17, 2025
Aaron Nowak to 2W Properties LLC, lot 2 of plat CSM5837, and lots 3-4 of plat 964 in Mill Creek Highlands Plat, \$80.40.

Chris and Rayna Klessig Trust, Trustee Chris Klessig and Trustee Rayna Klessig to 2W Properties LLC, lot 2 of plat CSM5837, and lots 3-4 of plat 964 in Mill Creek Highlands Plat, \$80.40.

Gary M. Klepitsch and Kimberly A. Klepitsch to Christopher D. Sutcliffe and Julie M. Sutcliffe, lot 9 of plat 1069 in Cisco Point, \$897.

Theodore L. Gruhn and Jodi A. Gruhn to KA Real Estate Holdings LLC, unit

5 of plat 358 in Twin Waters Condo, \$1,365.

Margaret V. Johnson-Wiessner and Margaret V. Johnson to Darrin D. Kuehn and Judith A. Kuehn, gov lot 1 in 3-43-6, \$405.

Jonathan Samuel and Jennifer O' Flanagan to Justin Shook and Kathryn Shook, lots 20-21 in block 1 of plat 79 in Eagle Crest Plat, \$2,850.

Kuhlman Family Investments LLC to Richard Bielak Living Trust, lot 1 of plat CSM5901 and gov lot 5 in 35-43-9, \$720.

March 18, 2025
WSL Property LLC to John P. and Louise A. Walsh, Trustee John P. Walsh and Trustee Louise A. Walsh, lot 1 of plat CSM5543, and gov lot 2 in 25-41-5, \$3,675.

Knueppel Livestock

and Order Buying INC to Michael A. Farina and Karen A. Farina, unit 214 of plat 110 in Gateway Lodge Hotel Condo, \$84.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Long Lake of Phelps Lake District
Vilas County
P. O. Box 202, Phelps, Wisconsin 54554


LLPLD is proposing to submit to the DNR an application for a permit for ProcellaCOR EC treatment of the aquatic invasive plant, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM).

Approximate treatment date: June 2025.
Size of treatment area: 20.6 acres includes the following: 15.3 acres at the southeast end of Long Lake, and 5.3 acres at a northeast area of Long Lake.

The public may request (within 5 days of the notice) in writing that LLPLD hold a public informational meeting about the proposed application. If the public requests a meeting, the request for the meeting should be sent to longlakeofphelps@gmail.com and to the DNR. (If a public informational meeting of the proposed application is conducted, that meeting will be held in a location near the water body.)

SEND QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO:
longlakeofphelps@gmail.com

452587 **WNAXLP**

**The Vilas County Highway Department will be accepting sealed proposals for the following:**

Demolition and Disposal of Salt Shed

Specifications may be obtained at the Vilas County Highway Department office in Eagle River or on the county website (www.vilascountywi.gov) under the Highway Department's tab. Proposals must be in the office on or before 8:00 am, April 7, 2025, at the Highway Department at 2104 N. Railroad St., Eagle River, WI 54521. Vilas County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all quotes, waive any formality, request resubmission of quotes, and accept the quote determined to be in the County's best interest.

Troy Schalinske, Commissioner
Vilas County Highway Department
P.O. Box, 2104 N. Railroad St.
Eagle River, WI 54521

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Long Lake of Phelps Lake District
Vilas County
P. O. Box 202, Phelps, Wisconsin 54554

OFFICIAL POSTING of the 2025 LLPLD Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update

The official first draft of the 2025 Long Lake of Phelps Lake District Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update has been uploaded to the LLPLD's website longlakeofphelps.com. The Aquatic Plant Implementation Plan section contains LLPLD's management goals and the actions LLPLD has developed to reach its goals. Members of the district and the public may give their feedback and make comments after reviewing the document.

SEND QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS within 21 days TO: longlakeofphelps@gmail.com

452589 **WNAXLP**

Notice of Spring Election and Sample Ballots
April 1, 2025

Office of the Vilas County Clerk

To the voters of Vilas County

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Vilas County on April 1, 2025, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.


Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:


Kimberly A. Olkowski, Vilas County Clerk

Vilas County Ballot

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 1, 2025

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions	Municipal	Referendum
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).	See your municipal ballot for your specific municipal contests	To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes", like this: <input type="radio"/> To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No", like this: <input type="radio"/>
To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	State
To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	QUESTION 1: "Photographic identification for voting." Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"
State Superintendent of Public Instruction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
State Superintendent Vote for 1	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/> Brittany Kinser	School District	
<input type="radio"/> Jill Underly	See your municipal ballot for your specific School District Contests	
<input type="radio"/> write-in:	<input type="radio"/>	
Judicial		
Justice of the Supreme Court Vote for 1	<input type="radio"/>	
<input type="radio"/> Brad Schimel		
<input type="radio"/> Susan Crawford		
<input type="radio"/> write-in:		
Court of Appeals Judge District 3 Vote for 1		
<input type="radio"/> Lisa K. Stark		
<input type="radio"/> write-in:		

Continue voting at top of next column. Continue voting at top of next column.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 1, 2025
for

City of Eagle River, W 5
Vilas County

Ballot ID: 4821

Ballot issued by	For Official Use Only
Initials of election inspectors	Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:
Absentee ballot issued by	<input type="checkbox"/> Overvoted <input type="checkbox"/> Damaged <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk	
If issued by SVDs, both must initial	If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____
Certification of Voter Assistance I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.	If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____
Signature of assistor	Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡

452680 **WNAXLP**

NEWS

Vilas County court report

Flambeau man has cash bond amended

Jeffery Bauman Jr, 29, of Lac du Flambeau, had his cash bond amended to \$7,500 with conditions in four separate cases involving multiple felonies and misdemeanors. A judicial pretrial was set for Monday, March 31 at 2 p.m.

Julian Thoms-Bent, 29, of Lac du Flambeau, had a plea and sentencing hearing scheduled in a case involving possession with intent of fentanyl, with a party to a crime modifier attached. The hearing was set for April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Maribeth Whitewing, 41, of Wittenberg, appeared remotely for her final pretrial on one felony charge of possession of methamphetamine. The plea hearing is scheduled for April 1 at 10 a.m., and the sentencing hearing was scheduled for June 2 at 2 p.m.

Derek Deragon, 28, of Ashland, had a possession with intent of amphetamines felony charge dismissed at a review hearing last week. He served a Deferred Entry of Judgement agreement for three years before the charge was dismissed.

POLICE REPORT

Vilas County Sheriff

The Vilas County Sheriff's Office reported a total of 160 incidents last week, which includes 12 911 hang ups, one abandoned vehicle, three car versus deer accidents, four nonreportable traffic accidents, one property damage, three agency assists, two burglary alarms, two fire alarms, one ambulance request, one dog bite, three animal problems, two attempts to locate, one violation of bond conditions, 11 conditions of bond, two citizen assists, four citizen problems, one civil complaint, one criminal damage to property, five death investigations, three dispatch deer in roadway, four disturbances, one drug problem, seven sick leaves, one fire, three found properties, one internet fraud, two harassments, six warrant confirmation, one no burn permit, 12 information reports, one restraining violation, one jail medical incident, four juvenile problems, two lost properties, two noise complaints, one

protection order, two probation violations, five vacation checks, six search warrants, one sexual assault, two suspicious circumstances, one auto theft, one hazard, 12 traffic violations, one road rage, one transport warrant, four trespasses, one utility problem, two fleeing an officer, two wanted persons, one weapon offense and six welfare checks.

A total of 22 people were taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Eagle River Police

The Eagle River Police Department failed to provide an incident report before the press deadline for this week's publication.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported a total of 17 incidents last week, which includes one alarm, one agency assist, one extra patrol, one hazard, one welfare check, one OWI, one services report, nine traffic stops and one vehicle in ditch.

Permits

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assistance through e-mail and telephone support. Permits may also be purchased at the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land office located at 2112 N. Railroad St. in Eagle River.

The following is a list of facilities where a permit will be required: Boot Lake, Buckatabon Lake, Eagle Lake, Lake of the Hills, Hunter Lake, Muskellunge Lake,

Pickerel Lake, Snipe Lake, McLeod Lake, Snyder Lake, Torch Lake, Tamarack Flowage, Buckatabon Creek, River Road, Rummels Road, Tamarack Springs, Doctor Oldfield Memorial Park, Heart Lake Road, County Highway K river landing, and the Vilas County Shooting Range.

More information on permits, locations, and fees can be found by visiting vilascountypermits.com or by contacting Parks and Recreation Supervisor Todd Bierman at 715-479-5160.



Henry Repeating Arms' newly expanded headquarters in Rice Lake, Wis. —Contributed Photo

Henry Repeating Arms opens new facilities in Rice Lake, Ladysmith

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Henry Repeating Arms, one of America's leading firearm manufacturers, has announced a "firm commitment" to establishing 100% of its manufacturing operations in Wisconsin after opening a new state-of-the-art headquarters in Rice Lake and two facilities near Ladysmith.

Manufacturing operations are being transferred from Bayonne, N.J. The company is also closing on a third Ladysmith facility in mid-summer 2025.

"We are putting all of

our eggs in one basket, the Wisconsin basket, because it makes us more efficient, more productive, and allows for more collaboration amongst our design and engineering teams, all while sustaining and enhancing Henry's solid reputation for quality," said Anthony Imperato, Founder and CEO of Henry Repeating Arms. "With about 400,000 square feet of cutting-edge manufacturing operations in four facilities within minutes of each other, Henry Repeating Arms is well positioned for its next chapter."

"This transition allows us to double down on what we do best —

making world-class rifles, shotguns and revolvers right here in the heart of America," said Andrew Wickstrom, President of Henry Repeating Arms. "Our Wisconsin operations have been essential to our success for a long time, and now it is the cornerstone of our bright future."

About Henry Repeating Arms

Henry Repeating Arms is one of the leading firearm manufacturers in the United States and a world leader in the lever action category. The company's motto is "Made in America, Or Not Made At All." Every Henry firearm comes

with a Lifetime Warranty and a 100% Satisfaction Guarantee backed by award-winning customer service.

Henry Repeating Arms employs over 800 people and has 400,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space in Rice Lake and Ladysmith, Wis. The company is named in honor of Benjamin Tyler Henry, who invented and patented the Henry lever action rifle in 1860 — the first practical repeating rifle and America's contribution to the international stage of firearms design. Visit Henry Repeating Arms online at henryusa.com, on Facebook, X, and Instagram.

Oneida County launches study to address housing challenges

The Oneida County Economic Development Corporation (OCEDC), in collaboration with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC), is conducting a comprehensive housing study to address growing concerns over housing affordability and availability in the county.

To ensure a comprehensive analysis, OCEDC is seeking input from the public and local employers. Community members are encouraged

to complete the housing survey, which will play a crucial role in shaping the study's recommendations.

The housing survey is online at surveymonkey.com/r/GGX6RN. The survey is open March 17 through Friday, April 11. Results will be published in May.

This public survey is open to anyone who lives, works, goes to school in, or spends time in Oneida County. Responses are anonymous and they are used to identify trends in what kinds of

housing is needed and at what prices, along with any other housing concerns survey respondents may have. The responses help inform the housing study's recommendations.

Leading the study is Tony Pharo, OCEDC Executive Director, who, along with Sam Wessel from NCWRPC, will analyze market trends, collect public input, and interview local employers to understand which housing types are most in demand.

The study will also

identify challenges preventing an adequate supply of housing and propose solutions that individual communities can explore based on their unique needs.

"Housing affordability and availability continue to be a major concern in Oneida County," said Pharo. "This study will provide valuable data to guide decision-making and help create solutions that benefit both residents and local businesses."

DMV explains steps to obtain an ID to use at the polls

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) explains the steps needed to obtain an ID to show at the polls if the voter does not already have some form of approved ID, such as a Wisconsin driver license or ID.

While Wisconsin residents are required to show identification to cast their ballot, there is no

separate "voter ID" and a federally compliant REAL ID is not required in the state to vote.

Voters who are U.S. citizens and wonder what forms of IDs are accepted at the polls should check the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Those looking to get their first Wisconsin ID should begin at DMV's website wisconsindmv.gov/idcards. They should bring

the required documents and apply at the nearest DMV. Appointments are available but not required.

Begin online to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls at wisconsindmv.gov/idcards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to

the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information may be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

PSC urges customers to seek assistance before moratorium on utility disconnection ends April 15

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) urges electric and natural gas utility customers with outstanding bills to make payment arrangements or apply for financial assistance before the annual winter moratorium on disconnections for nonpayment expires on Tuesday, April 15.

The annual winter moratorium from Nov. 1 to April 15 prohibits utility providers from disconnecting residential heating services due to nonpayment. Customers who are behind on their bills may be at risk of disconnection if payment

arrangements are not established by April 15.

To avoid disconnection, customers who have fallen behind on payments are encouraged first to contact their utility to set up a payment plan. Listed below is the contact information for the largest utilities in Wisconsin:

- **ALLIANT ENERGY – 1-800-255-4268**
- **MADISON GAS & ELECTRIC – 1-800-245-1125**
- **SUPERIOR WATER, LIGHT & POWER – 1-800-227-7957**
- **WE ENERGIES – 1-800-842-4565**
- **WISCONSIN**

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION – 1-800-450-7260

- **XCEL ENERGY – 1-800-895-4999**

If customers are having difficulty paying their energy bills, they may be eligible for assistance from the Department of Administration's Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). WHEAP is part of the state's comprehensive Home Energy Plus program, which provides assistance with emergency energy needs, emergency furnace repairs, conservation service and weatherization for low-income households.

To apply online, customers can go to energybenefit.wi.gov or to apply by phone, customers can call the Statewide Customer Care Center at 1-800-506-5596.

Utilities are required to offer Deferred Payment Agreements (DPA) to residential customers who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full. Municipal utilities are not required to offer DPAs to tenants, but many still do so. If customers cannot reach a payment agreement with their utility, they may contact the PSC by calling 1-800-225-7729, or by filing

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HISTORY ADVOCACY DAY — Last Wednesday marked the 8th annual History Advocacy Day at the Capitol. Eagle River Historical Society Executive Director Vito Bortolotti got to meet with Rep. Rob Swearingen in Madison last week. —Contributed Photo

Oneida ADRC program to explore 10 warning signs of Alzheimer’s

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County will be hosting a 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s program on Tuesday, April 15 at the ADRC of Oneida County in Rhinelander from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

The Alzheimer’s Association’s 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s program is designed to help people recognize common signs of the disease and to know what to watch for in themselves and others.

The earliest signs of Alzheimer’s can look

similar to typical age-related changes many may experience as they grow older. It is important to be aware of the common warning signs of Alzheimer’s in family and friends. Alzheimer’s and other dementias cause memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living.

Often, the earliest warning signs of Alzheimer’s are dismissed as a normal part of the aging process. This free 90-minute program:

- Explores typical age-related changes.

- Describes common signs of Alzheimer’s and dementia.
 - Offers tips for how to approach someone about memory concerns.
 - Explains the importance of early detection and benefits of diagnosis.
 - Details possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process.
 - Identifies helpful community resources for diagnosis and those affected.
- The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s program is offered in partnership with the ADRC of Oneida

County and will be held on April 15, at the ADRC of Oneida County located at 100 Keenan Street in Rhinelander from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

To learn more about this program, or to register (registration is appreciated), contact Julie St. Pierre at (715) 352-4091 or by visiting: <https://bit.ly/10SignsRHL>.

Little Forest School launches fundraising campaign to address North Woods child care crisis

In response to the growing child care shortage in northern Wisconsin, a local nonprofit is launching a new nature-based child care center to meet the needs of families in the area.

Little Forest School in Manitowish Waters has officially kicked off a community fundraising campaign to support the development of this vital new resource.

Following the closure of nearby child care options, families across the region have been left with limited access to quality, affordable child care. Little Forest School aims to fill that gap by offering a unique program focused on play-based learning, outdoor exploration, and community connections — all while remaining accessible to families of all income levels.

In addition, Little Forest School announced the hiring of Amanda Snow as the center’s first Child Care Director. Snow has over 12 years of experience in early childhood education, including nine years with Head Start programs. She holds degrees in Integrative Leadership Studies and Early Childhood Education, as well as credentials in nonprofit leadership and family mental health.

“Our community is facing a real crisis when it comes to child care access,” said Sam Wolter, Vice Chair of Little Forest School. “With Amanda’s leadership and experience, paired with strong community support, we are confident Little Forest School will be an inspiring space for children and a reliable resource for families.”

The organization is currently seeking donations and community support to help bring this vision to life. Those interested can learn more or contribute at <https://littleforestschool.net/donate/> or provide support directly through the online donation form at <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/little-forest-school>.

New DMV online knowledge test offers efficiency, flexibility to teen drivers

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) now offers students ages 15-17 the opportunity to take DMV’s knowledge test from the convenience of their home with parent or guardian supervision.

The knowledge test is a two-part exam that covers rules for the road and important road signs. This new online process is available to students who have completed the classroom portion of their training and the driver training school notifies DMV. Wisconsin DMV administers over 4,000 Class D knowledge tests each month.

“We know today’s students and families are very busy and this option gives them flexibility to take the test when DMVs would be closed. Students who pass will still need to visit a Wisconsin DMV to obtain their instruction permit, but they can be in and out in 15 minutes,” DMV Administrator

Tommy Winkler said.

Wisconsin DMV joins eleven other states in providing this online option through KnowTo Drive, DMV’s contracted knowledge test vendor. The \$10 fee for the online service will go to the vendor, while DMV will continue to offer the test for free in DMV Customer Service Centers. The online test will reflect the same content, look and feel as those conducted within the DMV service centers.

Security measures are in place to ensure the integrity of this testing method. KnowTo Drive uses cutting-edge fraud detection and prevention methods to ensure security. Before the test gets underway, the student will have an initial photo captured for verification purposes. Photos taken randomly throughout the test will prevent fraud or deception. Students are also not able to move off the screen or open browsers without detection.

- The process**
- Using a link on the Wisconsin DMV website (wisconsindmv.gov/test), or by visiting KnowTo Drive’s site directly, users will:
- Agree to the rules and verify their technology meets requirements.
 - Register and provide information about their parent or guardian overseeing the exam.
 - Respond to identity verification questions.
 - Provide payment information.
 - Take a control photo of the applicant to be used as the baseline during the exam process.
 - Receive test result and/or completion certificate via e-mail.
 - Print completion certificate(s) and visit any DMV customer service center to apply for their instruction permit. DMV staff will review each applicant’s online test results.
- This program is limited to two attempts online. To pass, the applicant must receive a final score of 80%

or better. If an applicant fails either or both exams, they may re-attempt one more time in-home. The \$10 fee will be required each time.

Upon passing and completing the test(s), a certificate of completion is emailed. This, along with other required documents, should be taken to a DMV Customer Service Center for testing validation and to receive their instruction permit. DMV recommends all applicants schedule a service appointment with DMV to receive expedited service. Information related to appointments and required documents is provided to those who pass their exam online along with their passing certificate.

This new online service joins Wisconsin DMV’s extensive online offerings. Eligible and interested students should visit Wisconsin DMV’s website for more info or inquire with their Driver Training School regarding this option.



Amanda Snow, new Childcare Director at Little Forest School. —Contributed Photo

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TURKEY FLOCK — While capable of surviving in winter environments, flocks of turkeys may become scarce as dense snow make it difficult to find sources of food. —STAFF PHOTOS

DNR seeks Regional Spill Coordinators in West Central and Northern Regions

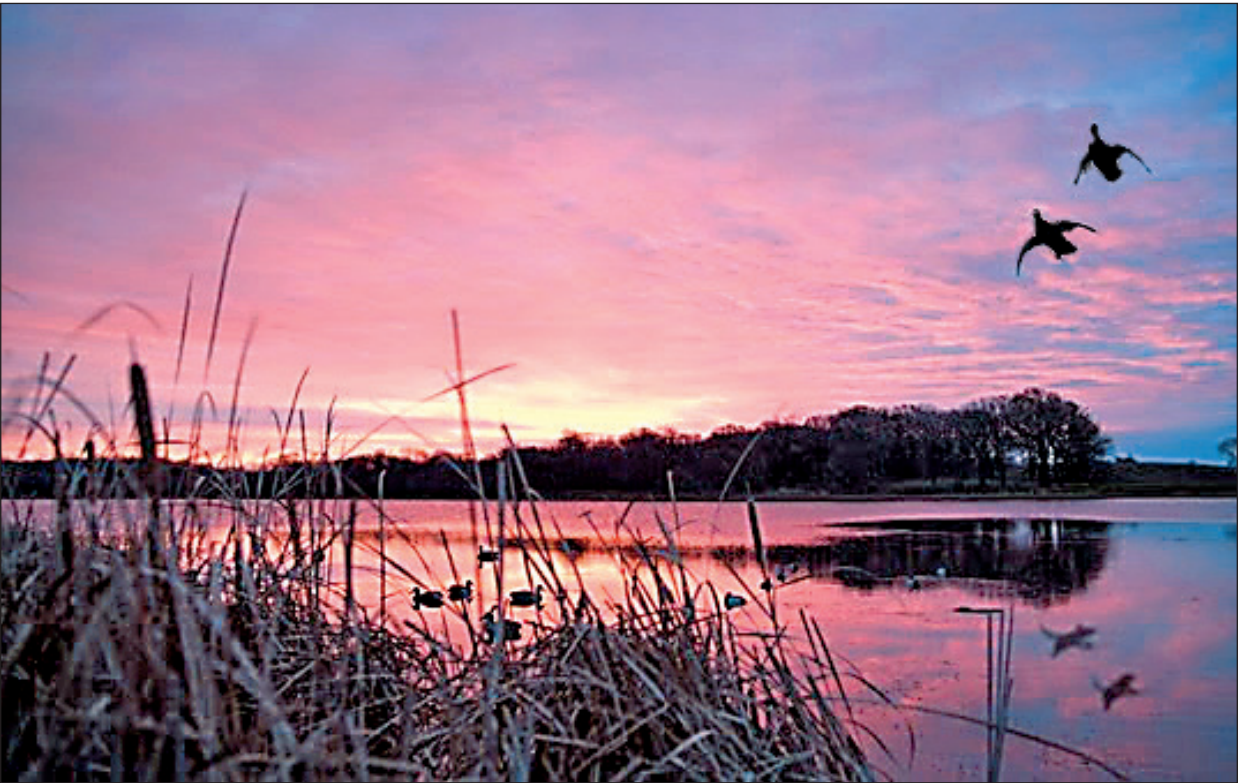
The Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program is recruiting two Regional Spill Coordinators. The positions will be located in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) West Central and Northern Regions. The deadline to apply is Monday, March 31. The successful candidates will coordinate the DNR's response to spills of hazardous substances, conduct on-site inspections, and provide oversight of investigations and cleanup of spill incidents. Regional Spill Coordinators work closely with DNR personnel across the agency, emergency responders, and contractors to act quickly to protect public health and safety from risks associated with the spill. A full position description, including necessary qualifications, is available online at the Wisc.jobs website (Job ID Number 17225).

Utility

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a complaint on the PSC website. For more information

about utility disconnections and collections, see the Utility Customer Bill of Rights at psc.wi.gov/Pages/ForConsumers/MoreResources/UtilityCustomerBillRights.



Feedback regarding the duck hunting season's proposed zones and splits structure must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 30, 2025. —Contributed Photo

DNR accepting comments on duck hunting season zones thru Sunday

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds the public to submit their input on the proposed 2026-2031 duck hunting season zones and splits. Highlights from the proposed season structure include duck zone options and duck season split options. Every five years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) gives states an opportunity to review and change the zones and splits for their duck hunting season structures. The DNR will host a series of public meetings to present information on the proposed zones and splits structure for the 2026-2031 duck hunting seasons. The public is encouraged to attend or provide feedback using the DNR's Online Input Tool. Comments may also be submitted through email or mail. Feedback regarding the duck hunting season's proposed zones and splits structure must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 30. Submit written questions or comments to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources C/O Taylor Finger or Alissa Kakatsch – Bureau of Wildlife Management 101 S. Webster St. P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707 Taylor.Finger@wisconsin.gov or Alissa.Kakatsch@wisconsin.gov To learn more about waterfowl in Wisconsin and to view the 2026-2031 duck hunting season zones and splits options, visit the DNR's waterfowl hunting webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/waterfowl.

DNR highlights importance of water waste

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) highlighted the importance of preventing household water waste and practicing water conservation in recognition of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Fix A Leak Week, March 17-23. Household leaks can waste more than 1 trillion gallons of water annually nationwide, costing consumers millions of dollars. By fixing household leaks promptly, consumers can save water and money and prevent damage to their floors, furniture and possessions. Fix A Leak Week was the perfect time to fix any leaks homeowners been putting off. To make it easy for residents, the EPA's Fix A Leak Week webpage provides guidance on detecting and fixing the most common household leaks. These helpful steps can get people started:

- Check for leaks in your home, business or workplace. Use the EPA's Detect and Chase Down Leaks at Home Checklist.
- Start toilet and faucet repairs with helpful information from the Fix a Leak webpage.
- Don't be afraid to consult a plumbing professional to help get leaks fixed or old fixtures replaced with more efficient models.

Household leaks aren't the only places where water can be wasted. Large business operations like dairy and agricultural operations can also experience leaks. These leaks can quickly amount to a lot of water, so prompt repair can help businesses save money and boost their bottom lines. For additional information about water use in a home or business, visit the DNR's Water Conservation and Efficiency webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WaterUse/conservation.

Snowmobile, ATV/UTV trail grant applications now open until April 15

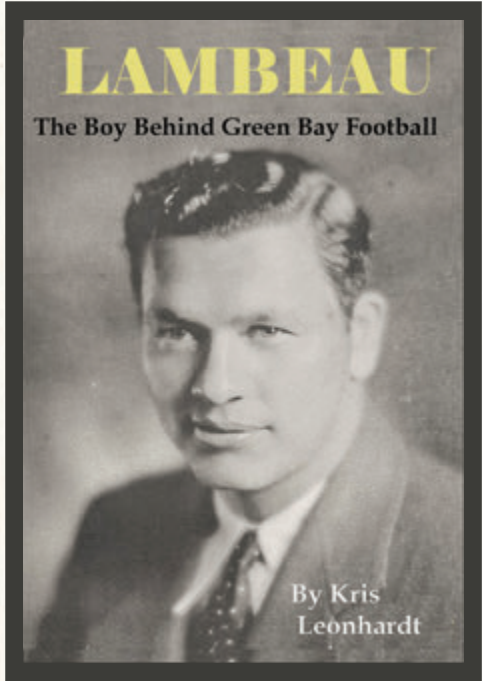
BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting grant applications for the ATV/UTV Trail Aid projects,

along with Snowmobile Trail Aid projects. Complete grant applications must be submitted or postmarked no later than Tuesday, April 15. Applications can be filled out on the DNR website or by visiting apps.dnr.wi.gov/doclink/forms/8700-159.pdf. Additional attachments may be needed. Review the checklist on page 2 of the application and follow links as necessary to ensure you submit a complete application. Maintenance applications must be resubmitted annually. Even if you were approved for maintenance money for trails in the past, an application must be resubmitted annually to receive funds for the coming year. Resubmit any applications that were not funded last year that you wish to be considered again. Check that the cost estimate is still applicable, and sign with the new date. You can learn more about ATV/UTV and Snowmobile Trail Aids and the guidelines on the DNR website. For questions, contact the Grant Program Manager, Jillian Steffes, at 715-210-4911 or email Jillian.Steffes@wisconsin.gov, or work with a regional project manager.

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of dedication that will inspire fans and readers alike. If you love football, community and tales of grit, this book is a must-read.”



The story of the beginning of the Green Bay Packers and the life of Earl Louis “Curly” Lambeau are so intertwined that it is hard to imagine one without the other. From the streets of Green Bay, Lambeau developed a passion for football and grew that yearning into a football team that would exist long past his lifetime. Like the Packers, Lambeau’s story is a tale of adversity and challenge, but also a story of triumph and perseverance. While his personal life and professional career were wrought with challenge, his legacy continues to resonate in the Green Bay community, including a massive structure along Lombardi Avenue that shines a light on his contribution to the professional team.

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CLINGIN’ ON — A little Hairy Woodpecker, identifiable by their distinct black, white and red plumage, climbs up the side of a pine tree. They also have a unique flight pattern, like other woodpecker species, which consists of an undulating-like motion. —STAFF PHOTO

Sports

Pines track teams take first and second at Eagle Invitational

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines boys and girls track teams kicked off the season in high gear as the boys placed first and girls second as the team hosted the Eagle Invitational last Thursday at Northland Pines High School.

Led by Cole Wiedenbeck, the boys dominated the meet with 160 points and Hurley came in second with 75 points.

Everything went well for the girls, too, but the Eagles (100 points) fell just short of Wittenberg-Birnamwood who tallied 139 to win the meet.

“We were happy to come away from this meet with a win and a second but even more excited to watch these athletes compete for the first time,” said Pines head coach Josh Rhode. “We found a lot of hidden talent and the teams competed with mental toughness and tenacity throughout the meet. The girls team performed awesomely but ran into a tough Wittenberg team. I was happy with the girls’ team in their preparation and execution

throughout the meet. The boys had a dominant performance and we were able to see some great performances across the board.”

Top spot

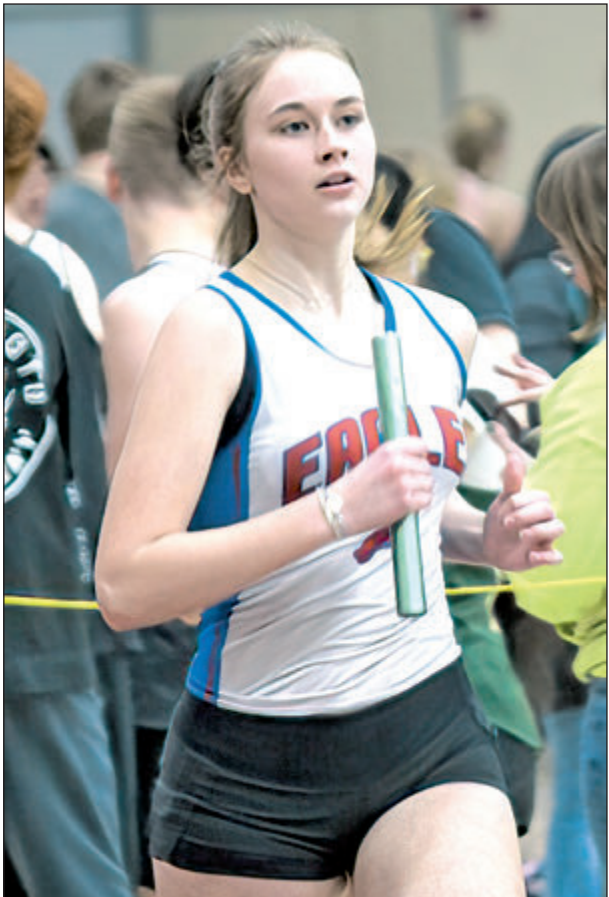
The boys cruised to a victory against some good competition in the opening meet of the year. Wiedenbeck led the squad with two second-place finishes in the triple jump and 55-meter dash while taking fourth place in the 400-meter dash.

“Cole worked as hard as any athlete I’ve seen over the off-season and has come into the 2025 season in tremendous condition. He is significantly faster than last year which is saying a lot because he was one of the fastest in our conference and sectional,” explained Rhode. “We will be looking for Cole to continue his progress and he has a lot of goals to accomplish this season.”

Rhode was also impressed with the performance of sophomore Ryan Rydeski, whole grabbed third place in the 400-meter dash. Rydeski took four seconds off his time in this race



The Northland Pines boys track and field team dominated its home invitational by taking first place with 160 points. Second place finisher Hurley had 75 points. Chequamegon took third overall with 62 points. –Staff Photos By JACOB HEID



The Pines girls track and field team finished behind event champion Wittenberg-Birnamwood in second place with 100 points.

from last year with a time of 58.04.

“To take that much time off in a sprint is extremely difficult and it just points to Ryan’s talent and hard work. He is a sophomore who helped us in the long sprints to mid-distance last year but he has now earned his spot as one of our top sprinters on the team, and he will be leaned on throughout the season.”

Other notable finishes for the Eagles included Miles Kirschbaum (14 pts), Kaemyn Heritage (14 pts) and Brady Dumovich (12 pts) to name a few. Senior sprinter Eli Kerner also took first place in the 55-meter dash and 200-meter dash. Kirschbaum and Dumovich went one-three

in the 55-meter hurdles with times of 9.74 and 10.43, respectively.

Dumovich also took third out of five in the 200-meter hurdles.

Heritage, Morgan DePuydt and Mason Minaudo kicked off their pole vault seasons with a dominant performance as the three took all three top spots with vaults of 11 feet or higher.

Girls performance

Hahn paced the girls team by tallying 24.5 points out of 100 after a busy meet.

The sophomore took first place in the 55-meter in what Rhode described as a blazing time of eight seconds flat, while she also took second in the 200,

anchored the 4x400 relay team and finished fourth in the pole vault. The 4x400 relay took third place with a time of 5:14.10.

It was Hahn’s first time attempting pole vault and she cleared six feet as teammate Mykayla Felesena took first place in the event by clearing seven feet-six inches.

“This was Ella’s first time trying the pole vault and she is a natural in the event and I truly see big things in her future as a pole vaulter,” mentioned Rhode.

Miana Miller was Rhode’s outstanding performance for her improvement in the shot put. Miller took 12th out of 24, with a throw of 23 feet- eight inches. She

improved by two feet and three inches this year from last.

Other notable athletes on the girls side included Felesena (16.25 pts), Maria Krueger (10 pts), Tatum Meier (9.5 pts) and Bella Nowak (8 pts). Krueger took third in the triple jump, fifth in the long jump, 23rd in the 200 and 18th in the 55-meter dash.

Meier grabbed sixth in the 55 and fourth in the long jump. Nowak took the silver in the shot put with a throw of 30 feet-one inch.

Pines is back in action again at Northland Pines with a few other Great Northern Conference teams Thursday, April 3, at 4:30 p.m.

Wisconsin opens Alaska trip against Wolverines, Brown Bears

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Windigo made its final Alaskan trip of the regular season to face the Anchorage Wolverines and Kenai River Brown Bears March 21-22, turning into a 5-4 shootout loss and a 5-2 win in regulation.

Wisconsin made a furious comeback in game one after Anchorage scored four unanswered goals in the first period.

Wisconsin remains ahead of the Fairbanks Ice Dogs in the Midwest Division standings as it holds onto a four-point lead of first place. The two teams will meet this weekend, March 27-28, in a crucial two-game series.

Near comeback

A lackluster start in the opening game in Anchorage allowed the Wolverines to nearly skate the Windigo out of the building after a four-goal first period. The goals were spread out between the early and late portions of the opening 20, but Lucas Szyzka finally settled in after facing 22 shots. Wisconsin finally beat Anchorage’s goaltender just over the midway point

of the second period to cut into the deficit and start the comeback. Jackson Ernst took advantage of Anchorage serving a two-minute minor roughing penalty.

Alexios Georgaklis scored at 15:20 of the second before Ernst capped off the period with his second of three goals at 16:39, putting the Windigo back within one after two periods, 4-3.

The Wolverines went to the penalty box just 11 seconds into the third period and the Windigo’s momentum put Ernst in another position to score. He capitalized on that just about 10 seconds into the man-advantage to tie things up at 4-4.

Szyzka stopped all 16 shots he faced in the second and third periods, assisting in the big run the Windigo put on by scoring four goals on 18 shots in the same time frame.

No one found the overtime winner as Anchorage took the win in a shootout by a 3-2 tally.

Fast start

It turned out to be a completely different start for Wisconsin after making the 148-mile drive from Anchorage to Soldotna,

Alaska, to face the Brown Bears on March 22.

Braydon Beahm got the scoring going just 29 seconds into the contest, while Zachary Cline made it a 2-0 game at the 10:53 mark of the first. The Windigo were outshot 8-7 in the opening period despite holding a 2-1 advantage. That advantage moved to three goals as Ernst scored his fourth of the weekend on another powerplay at 16:24 of the second. That was the lone goal of the period as Wisconsin led 3-1 heading into the final 20 minutes. Kenai River cut the lead down to one at the midway point of the third, but the Windigo capitalized on two of their nine shots in the period.

Nate Farrell and Hunter Hayes scored nearly a minute apart from each other at 13:15 and 14:08 to put Wisconsin ahead comfortably with less than six minutes to play.

Szyzka played in both games and picked up his 26th win of the season after a 24-save performance.

The team remains in Alaska as two games against the Ice Dogs are on tap for this weekend, Friday and Saturday, March 28-29.

Bluejay boys take sixth at Eagle Invite with limited athletes

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes boys took sixth place at the Eagle Invitational last week at Northland Pines High School. Because Three Lakes was on spring break, only seven athletes were available to compete for the boys and girls.

The girls team didn’t accumulate points with the four athletes that competed in events.

Three boys combined for 45 points, finishing behind fifth-place finisher Menominee Indian, who had 49 points.

“Nolan Waltz was our lead point scorer with 26 points. Masen Schoeneck was second with 14 points and Zach Weavers scored five points with his fourth-place finish in shot put,” said Three Lakes head coach Nate Koch. “We had several personal records between our seven athletes which is a good place to be for the first meet of the season.”

Waltz ran in three events, taking first in the 800m, second in the 1600m run and second in the 3200m run.

The sophomore ran in heat two of the 800m,

dominating the field by over six seconds. He ran the event in 2:11.08, which beat out Antigo’s Rutger Busse who finished at 2:17.44.

Waltz and Crandon senior Taylor Karcz battled each other in both the 1600 and 3200-meter runs. Karcz got the better of Waltz in both, but the sophomore took second place (4:40.18) by nearly 20 seconds in the 1600 and again in the 3200 and both Waltz and Karcz ran away from the field in the event.

Schoeneck and Weavers each ran in the 400m dash, and Schoeneck also finished well in a couple of field events. Schoeneck finished in the top half of the 24-runner field with a ninth-place finish with a time of 1:01.84. He finished just over two-tenths of a second behind Northland Pines’ Jackson Olejniczak, who crossed the line at 1:01.63.

Weavers took 16th place in the race at 1:04.65.

Schoeneck competed in the high jump, triple jump, and pole vault, and his best finish was fourth place.

He cleared the third-highest height in the meet at 5-foot-4-inches, which tied with two other jumpers for

fourth place. Menominee Indian’s Mikey Chapman won the event by clearing 6-feet-2-inches.

He also took fourth place in the triple jump. Pines dominated the pole vault competition, as Schoeneck took sixth out of six participants.

Shot put was another successful event for the Bluejays as Weavers took fourth in the event to collect five points for the team.

On the girls side, Brooke Neumann, Somerr Ridgeway, Anjelica Zirbes and Annabella Steinbach competed in a mix of track and field events.

Neumann, Ridgeway abd Zirbes finished 29th, 35th and 38th, respectively in the 55-meter dash. Steinbach ran the 800-meter in 3:20.48 and 1600-meter in 7:36.37 for a 12th and 11th-place finish.

Neumann, Ridgeway and Zirbes also competed in the shot put and finished with throws of 22-8.5, 22-7 and 21-8.

Koch was attempting to get the team in an indoor meet this week, but the next scheduled event for the Jays is Thursday, April 3, in Crandon. Events start at 4 p.m.

SPORTS

Lady Eagles lean on underclassmen after losing eight seniors

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

Everything will be a little different when the Northland Pines softball team hits the diamond for the first time this season. After losing eight seniors to graduation, the team will rely on experienced and inexperienced underclassmen in 2025.

Head Coach Melissa Ryan steps into the varsity coaching scene after being the program's junior varsity coach for the last two seasons. She hopes to mold these players together for the betterment of the team.

"I am looking forward to starting my third year with the program, as I transition from JV to varsity coach. The team dynamics for this year are quite different, with a lot of new talent stepping into significant roles," said Ryan. "We lost eight seniors, so the numbers are looking like we'll need to rely heavily on underclassmen, some of whom already have experience from last year's JV and/or varsity squad."

Matanna DePuydt is the Eagles' lone returning senior. She will bring her leadership to every practice and game for Northland Pines.

"Matanna plays a vital role on our team. As a strong midfielder and a consistent hitter, she brings both skill and leadership to the field. Beyond her athletic abilities, Matanna



Returning letter winners for the Northland Pines softball team include, from left to right, Maria Satterburg, Taytum Mullins, Kami Neff, Matanna DePuydt and Natalie Kohn.

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is a respected figure among her teammates, with her presence extending both on and off the field," explained Ryan. "Her positive attitude, combined with her ability to lead by example will be instrumental in driving our team's success this season."

Other returning players include Maria Satterburg, Taytum Mullins, Kami Neff and Natalie Kohn, who all have varsity experience.

"Having this group of returning varsity players will significantly strengthen our team both offensively and defensively," stated Ryan.

The Eagles finished 5-17 overall in 2024 and 1-11 in the Great Northern

Conference. Ryan hopes to encourage her players to focus on personal improvement, which will lead to team success throughout the year.

"Every player will be focusing on personal improvement and reaching team goals. As a team, we are focusing on commitment, teamwork and skill building," mentioned Ryan. "Focusing on these areas will bring the girls together as a team as well as make us competitive throughout the season."

Ryan also said a few team goals for this season are to improve as a unit and support one another. Those few things can help the Eagles as they compete

in the GNC against always competitive competition.

"Our main goal this season is to improve as a team, stay consistent, and build strong teamwork. We want to develop individual skills while supporting each other along the way," she said. "As for the Great Northern Conference, we expect high competition. The teams in this conference are always challenging, and we know that every game will require us to bring our best."

Pines is set to take the field in the season opener at home against Tomahawk Thursday, April 3, at 5 p.m. The Eagles will be home again against Spencer Friday, April 4, at 4:30 p.m.



Sideline Scoop

BY JACOB HEID

Lions playoff seeding proposal makes a ton of sense

The Detroit Lions recently proposed a rule change that would order all of the seeds in the National Football League's playoffs based on record and not conference winners. Right now, winners of each of the divisions in the AFC and NFC get the top four seeds and a home playoff game. I never deeply thought about it, but it does make sense why the change should be made. The biggest argument is likely division strength, as just last year the NFC North had two 14 win-plus teams and one was the one seed and one was the fifth and had to travel.

In recent history, it's been the NFC South division winner that would only eclipse the eight or nine-win mark to win the division, while most other division winners had 10, 11, 12 or even 13 wins.

It makes complete sense that regular-season records should be the spotlight of a team's playoff position, but just maybe not how it currently is. That's because everyone's division isn't created equal.

To take this a few steps further, the AFC West had 15-win (Chiefs), 11-win (Chargers) and 10-win (Broncos) teams this past season, while the AFC South winner Texans had 10 wins which forced those other teams to travel despite playing in a harder division and winning more games.

On the NFC side, the Buccaneers and Rams won 10 games to win the South and West as the three and four seed, while the Lions, Vikings and Packers had 15 wins, 14 wins and 11 wins, but Minnesota took the fifth seed and Packers were the final team in the playoffs. Based on record, Minnesota would've been the third seed and Packers would've been the five seed.

The biggest swing on this in my opinion is the final regular season game between Minnesota and Detroit this past season.

The winner of that game in Detroit clinched the No. 1 overall seed (which the Lions did) and the loser would drop down to the five. It just doesn't seem fair that under the circumstances of one loss like that dropped a team four seeds in one game. Plus, what's the upside of a team finishing second or third in a tough division but would need to play a road game despite a great record?

Hopefully, the higher-ups in the NFL look at this and think through it, because it is not too bad of an idea.

STANDINGS

EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL

Results of 3/19/25
Team results: Shotskis 3, Eagle Lanes 0; Sweetwater I 3, Mud Creek II 0; Veterans Center 3, Sweetwater II 0; Club Denoyer 2, Club 45 1; Thunderbird 2, Mud Creek I 1
Top women shooters: Tina Aiello 8/30, Mabel Ernest 6/26, Sue LaChapelle 4/20, Cheri Winquist 3/14, Donna Adams 3/16, Bonnie Omerick 3/20, Jenni Hanson 2/15, Sheri Soberg 2/22
Top men shooters: Pete Aiello 15/31, Dan Welzien 14/25, Bill Ernst 13/25, Keith Popp 9/26, John Ariola 8/22, Frank Merkle

8/30, Derric Ternig 7/17, Joe Struck II 6/17, Dave Reimer 3/17, Doug Talbott 3/17		
Home runs: Sue LaChapelle, Kelly Resch		
Final Standings	W	L
Shotskis	36	18
Eagle Lanes	36	18
Club 45	31	22
	(one tie)	
Sweetwater II	31	23
Thunderbird	30	24
Sweetwater I	30	24
Club Denoyer	25	29
Veterans Center	19	34
	(one tie)	
Mud Creek II	17	37
Mud Creek I	14	40



SINGLE ELIMINATION — Three Lakes Wednesday Night Pool League held their annual year end Tournament and Party at Tavern on the Loop in Three Lakes on Sunday March 16th. The winner of the year end single elimination tournament was Scott McCain. Second place was Richard Wherry, third place Brian Hoff, and fourth place was Scott Brandenburg.

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Falcons win regular-season finale, take 2-seed into GLHL tourney here

BY JACOB HEID
SPORTS EDITOR

A trip down to the Fox Valley for the Eagle River Falcons ended in a 9-5 win against the Fox Cities Ice Dogs last Saturday night in the regular season's final game, clinching the 2-seed in the Great Lakes Hockey League Tournament in Eagle River this weekend.

The Portage Lake Pioneers locked up the

regular season title with its win last weekend.

Eagle River finished the regular season with a 15-2-0-1 record.

It ended up being a tight game after two periods before the Falcons scored three goals in the third to pull away.

Eagle River scored the first three goals of the contest, with tallies by Alex Kornely at 12:32, Zach

Maillette at 10:05 and Todd Koritzinsky at 8:11 left in the first. The home Ice Dogs responded with two late first-period goals to get back within one, 3-2. The Falcons outshot Fox Cities 12-11 in the first.

Fox Cities tied the game up at 3-3 early in the second before Maillette scored two more for the Falcons to go ahead 5-3 just over midway through the second. Mike

Otto scored his first of three goals with 5:43 left in the second to lead by two, 6-4, after two.

After the Ice Dogs made it 6-5, two goals by Otto and another by Koritzinsky put the game to rest.

Koritzinsky led the team with six points (two goals, four assists). Jacob Robinson recorded five assists, while Otto and Maillette tallied three goals

a piece. Mike Madosh saved 29 of the 34 shots he faced in the win.

Eagle River will host the GLHL tournament that will start this Thursday, March 27, with play in games. Tournament play begins Friday, March 28, with the championship game on Sunday, March 30, at noon. The Falcons begin the tournament with a game on Friday night at 8:30 p.m.



CHAMPS — The Eagle River Dartball league regular season came to a close last week, with the team representing Shotskis winning the league. The team had a 36-18 record.

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SUGAR SHACK —

With warming temperatures and the official first day of spring last Thursday, March 20, it's time for some North Woods residents to tap maple trees to make maple syrup. Some of the scenes from a local sugar bush near Eagle River included tapping a maple tree, seeing those first drops of sap, collecting sap in large buckets, cooking down the sap on a homemade barrel stove and watching the sap cook down to maple syrup. It takes about 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of maple syrup.

—Photos By Gary Ridderbusch



Not that you asked, but ...

BY ERIC JOHNSON

Throw off the bowlines...

“... So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”
— American writer essayist and humorist Samuel Langhorne “Mark Twain” Clemens (1835-1910)

As Jack Jones used to sing in the ebullient theme song for The Love Boat, “...Set a course for adventure...”
My course for adventure got set for me last week when my day job employer of the past three years called me at 9:59 a.m. on Friday and informed me that the company had eliminated my position as part of corporate cost-cutting, effective immediately.
Turn in my company laptop and door key, pack up my personal belongings, say farewell to my co-workers, and walk out the door, ne’er to return. It’s something I’ve read about a lot over the years. Now I’m another local, state and national statistic.
In the blink of an eye, my schedule instantaneously freed up for the foreseeable future, save for filing for unemployment compensation and the search for new employment — setting course for a new professional adventure at age 60, 36 years and 44 local, state,

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Northwoods Share dinner set April 1

Northwoods Share (NWS) will host its next free community dinner on Tuesday, April 1, at the Rock Mission Center in Eagle River.
Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for appetizers, and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.
The Heid Out is sponsoring and catering the meal, with a menu of baked

chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, veggies and a dessert.
Rock Mission Center is located at 1019 E. Wall St. next to Trig’s.
There will be a chance to leave a goodwill offering for those interested.
Northwoods Share Inc. is a nonprofit organization with a Needs Ministry

that provides a pantry with free paper products and soaps, along with personal care items and clothing to assist families in the community. This is open every Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. located just behind the Rock Mission Center.
They also have a program called ICHELP that helps financially assist

families in budgeting with spending journals. There is a 24-hour phone line available for emergencies at (715) 891-8966.
NWS has also opened its first Esther’s House, a transitional home for moms and their children.
For more information, visit www.NorthwoodsShare.org.

Rep. Tiffany discusses April 1 election at Pints and Politics event

The Vilas County Republicans held their first Pints and Politics of 2025 at the Mud Creek Saloon in Eagle River last week, packed with conservative and quite a few liberal voices, who were encouraged to vote in the non-partisan election Tuesday, April 1.
Speakers included U.S. Congressman Tom Tiffany,

7th District, and Amy Loudbeck.
There are three issues that will be on every ballot in Wisconsin on April 1: Supreme Court Justice; Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction — incumbent versus challenger; and a referendum wording to be inserted into the Wisconsin State

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Beerfest tickets on sale April 1

Tickets for Up North Beerfest go on sale Tuesday, April 1.
The two-day event features Premier Beer Night Friday, June 13, and the main events Saturday, June 14 at Hi-Pines Campground in Eagle River.
Premier Beer Night features a sampling of special brews from up to 15 participating breweries that will only be available that evening. This VIP, red-carpet event goes from 6 to 8 p.m. and includes a sampling glass, heavy hors d’oeuvres and musical entertainment.
The main event on Saturday goes from 2

to 6 p.m. and includes up to 30 breweries from Wisconsin and the Midwest. Festivalgoers will be given a sampling glass for their 2- to 3-ounce pours, a beer guide to find breweries at the festival and live music. Food is available for purchase from the Eagle River Veterans Resource Center.
Many of the breweries will be recognizable, from Eagle River’s very own Tribute Brewing Co. to Leinenkugel’s. But there are opportunities to try beers from lesser-known brewers like Haen’s Popple

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LIFESTYLE

Tiffany

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Constitution (state-issued Photo ID is required to vote in Wisconsin elections).

All other contests on local ballots differ for each town, county, and school district in Wisconsin. More information about upcoming elections can be found by visiting myvote.wi.gov/en-us/.

Early voting in Wisconsin started Tuesday, March 18. Absentee ballots have already been mailed out by local town clerks.

Congressman Tom Tiffany recently stopped by the Mud Creek Saloon in Eagle River for a Pint and Politics event hosted by the Vilas County Republicans. Discussion points included races on ballots in the upcoming April 1 election. Pictured, from left to right, are Alexis Appleberry, Amy Loudenberg, Rep. Tiffany and Carol Cady.

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Easy Eagles meeting scheduled April 2

The Easy Eagles men's luncheon group will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, at Chef Rene's, located in the Eagle River Inn.

The Easy Eagles is a group of predominantly retired men who meet twice a month, on Wednesdays, to socialize and share lunch.

The group has a speaker at each luncheon to share timely and interesting (noncontroversial) subjects.

The group welcomes new members, so, if interested, attend a meeting or contact Mike at 262-287-2654 for more information.

Trees, Tara Lila to host free guided hikes

Spring is a great time to shake off the winter blues, breathe in fresh air, and witness the natural world reawakening. Whether an avid hiker, a nature enthusiast or just looking for a peaceful way to reconnect with the outdoors, this guided hike offers the perfect opportunity to experience the season's beauty firsthand.

Join a Trees for Tomorrow educator and guest speaker Quita Sheehan, Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Specialist, for an enlightening hike to look for signs of spring! As the forest bursts back to life, you'll explore the subtle and striking signs of seasonal change—from budding trees and sprouting wildflowers to the return of migratory birds and the stirrings of wildlife shaking off winter's slumber.

The program is free, but pre-registration is required. "Spring is one of my favorite times to be in the woods," says program coordinator Bethany Heft. "After a long winter where

the world seems monochromatic and still, things begin to wake up and remind you that life is vibrant and strong in the Northwoods. This program is going to be made even more fantastic with the addition of instruction from Quita—her botany skills are amazing!"

The guided spring hike will take place on May 10 from 12 to 3 p.m. Participants will meet at Trees For Tomorrow for an introduction before caravanning to a local unit of the Tara Lila LLC properties to hike and explore what signs spring has to offer. This is a great chance to hone your observation skills, learn from experts, and gain a deeper appreciation for the seasonal shifts in nature.

The following are items that Trees for Tomorrow recommends bringing on this hike: A water bottle (no water is available at the trailhead), comfortable hiking shoes or boots and weather-appropriate clothing. Bringing field guides for nature journaling is optional.

Restrooms and a water fountain will be available at Trees For Tomorrow before heading to the trail, but there are no facilities at the hike location.

Although the class is free to attend, pre-registration is required as spaces are limited. To sign-up, visit <https://treesfortomorrow.com/Current-Activities/>. Registration can also be completed by calling the Trees For Tomorrow office at 715-479-6456. Office hours are weekdays from 8 am to 4 p.m.



Quita Sheehan, Conservation Specialist with the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department, leads a free Outdoor Adventures at Tara Lila program on identifying spring flora and fauna on May 10.

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Roots and Shoots to meet April 10

Roots and Shoots Northwoods Garden Club, formerly known as the Vilas County Master Gardeners, will meet on Thursday, April 10, at 1 p.m. at the Olson Library in Eagle River.

Following the meeting, at 2 p.m., Kathy Kaltenbach will be giving a presentation on "In-site-ful gardening." She will talk about factors that may affect the plants you buy and how to modify some of those factors.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and presentation.

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

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River Brewing and Third Space Brewing.

The Eagle River

Chamber of Commerce urges attendees to make a transportation plan before coming to the event Friday or Saturday. Designated drivers are free to attend if accompanying a paid admission for the Saturday event. While parking is available on the grounds, overnight lodging partners are providing free shuttle transportation to and from Hi-Pines Campground before, during and after the events.

No children, pets, or carry-ins are allowed to the event. Smoking is not allowed under the tented

sampling areas.

There are three ways to purchase tickets beginning April 1. Tickets to both events can be bought online. Tickets to the Saturday event can be purchased via mail or at the following Eagle River locations: Trig's Cellar 70 (Liquor Department), Tribute Brewing Company and the Eagle River Chamber and Visitors Center office. All ticket sales are final.

For more information, contact the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 800-359-6315 or visit eagleriver.org.

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LIFESTYLE

Scale Model Phanatics Club looking for participants

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

Growing Together support group to meet April 10

The Growing Together family support group, provided by the Vilas County Public Health Department, will be hosting its next meeting on Thursday, April 10, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Olson Memorial Library. The activity will be about microgreens and the importance of nutrition. There is no fee to participate. Weather permitting, there will be a microgreens planting activity held outdoors.

League of Women Voters to host judiciary reform discussion April 14

The League of Women Voters of the North Woods (LWVNOW) will be hosting a discussion about federal judiciary reforms at the Newbold Community Center on Monday, April 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. This is a discussion for learning, sharing ideas, and helping shape the League of Women Voters’ official stance on the accountability, transparency, independence, and ethics of the Supreme Court and the entire Federal Judiciary. Any input will contribute to the League of Women Voters of the United States’ work as they develop a national position on this topic.

This support group encourages participants to learn about area resources, connect with children, and to connect with other families. They meet on the second Thursday of each month. For more information on the class or to RSVP, contact Dominica Hedberg, public health nurse with the health department at 715-479-3659, or dohedb@vilascountywi.gov.



PANTRY DONATION — The Cross Country Cruisers Snowmobile Club recently presented a donation to the Lakeland Pantry from their New Year’s Eve event. Pictured, from left to right, are Debbie Holzkamp of the Lakeland Pantry, Keith Wichman of the Cross Country Cruisers and Bill Olmsted of the Lakeland Pantry. This donation will go to purchasing food for families with food needs. —Contributed Photo

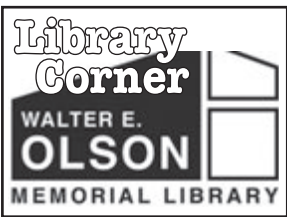
Bridge classes to be offered at Kalmar Center

Bridge classes will be offered at the Kalmar Center in Eagle River this summer, starting Thursday, June 12, at 9 a.m. Classes will be held weekly on Thursdays from 9 - 11:30 a.m. until Aug. 21. There will be no class on July 3. The cost to join is \$99 if enrolled by Wednesday, May 28; otherwise, enrollment will cost \$125 after that date. The class cost includes course materials, bridge aids, and a textbook. Bridge is a four-person card game that focuses on “taking tricks” made up of four cards. This classic, challenging game improves reasoning skills, long- and short-term memory, and mental fortitude. Key components of the game are flexibility, problem solving, and strategy. The course seeks to serve as a way to learn the basics of bridge or reintroduce former players to the game in order to practice their skills. The class will use a textbook developed by the American Contract Bridge League titled, “Bidding in the 21st Century,” utilizing a hands-on approach through the progression of weekly courses. Each week will focus on a different aspect of bridge, bringing together players from beginners to seasoned players. The classes offered are taught by trained bridge players who are also instructors for the Badger Bridge Club. Members of the club will also be available during the classes to support new players throughout the course. Badger Bridge Club is hosted at the Kalmar Center on Mondays from 12 - 3:30 p.m. To enroll or for more information, contact Jacki Walker at 715-367-3374 or email her at oneidavillageinn@gmail.com, call Joy Vanden Heuvel at 715-573-8836, or email Joy at joyv401@gmail.com.

Aspirus pharmacists say “milliliters make medicine safer for children”

Measuring liquid medications with household spoons might seem convenient, but it can lead to serious dosing mistakes. Using milliliter (mL)-only dosing helps ensure safer and more accurate medication measurements for children and families. “Using milliliters for dosing liquid medications is important because it ensures we’re getting the patient the correct dose,” explains Olivia Bishop, an Aspirus Pharmacy Resident. “If we’re not measuring it correctly, we can either be overdosing our patients, which puts them at risk of side effects, or underdosing, which means the infection or issue we’re treating isn’t being addressed.” Oral liquid medications are involved in more than 80% of pediatric home medication errors, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This statistic highlights the importance of standardized dosing practices to prevent potentially serious consequences. To support national guidelines, pharmacies provide tools like oral syringes with clear milliliter markings to help caregivers measure medications accurately. “You want to make sure you’re using a device that has lines for milliliters so you know you’re getting the exact dose,” Bishop advises. “And always measure at eye level if you’re using a dosing cup.” If caregivers are unsure about how to measure medications correctly, pharmacists are available to provide guidance. “You can always ask your pharmacist to walk you through the process,” says Bishop. “If you’re nervous about using an oral syringe or dosing cup for the first time, you can even practice with water to make sure you’re comfortable.” Aspirus has also implemented milliliter-only instructions on prescription labels to further enhance clarity and accuracy. This approach helps caregivers avoid common mistakes, such as misreading units or misusing household utensils. “You always want to

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The Library is open for in-person visits and curbside service. As always, Wi-Fi access and digital services are available 24/7. Have questions? Find answers at olsonlibrary.org and contact the Library at 715-479-8070 or olsonlibrary@gmail.com. Here’s what else you need to know about current Library happenings: • Thursday, March 27, all day: April is National Poetry Month, and we need your help to decorate the branches of our PoetTree! Stop by all day to use paints, markers, fabric, and materials of all sorts to design this one-of-a-kind creation! • Thursday, April 3, 1 p.m.: Compassus Grief Support Group. Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Compassus offers a monthly support group that can help. Call 715-301-7210 to learn more. • Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Monthly Mending Day. Call or stop by to sign up! Bring your clean clothes (or a well-loved toy) to the Library for

free mending by our wonderful volunteers. You can even check out a sewing machine to use at home! • Monday, April 7, 4:30 p.m.: Eagle River Genealogical Society. Connect with others doing family history work to build skills, find new resources, and tackle tricky questions. This month we’re focusing on using MyHeritage search tools. Don’t forget, you can access local history materials — including microfilm of the VCNR going back to the 1890s and Family Search Affiliate Library records — at OML. • Thursday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.: Growing Together, a free monthly program for kids and their grown-ups from Vilas Public Health. Each month we’ll do a craft/activity, learn about area resources, and build connections within and between families. To ensure we have adequate supplies, RSVP at surveymonkey.com/r/5TSYTK. • Thursday, April 10, 2 p.m.: In-SITE-ful Gardening. Learn how to locate the perfect site to create your garden. This program will immediately follow the 1 p.m. Roots & Shoots Northwoods Gardening Club meeting — all are welcome! • Friday, April 11, 3:30 - 5

p.m.: Poetry Playground. We’re celebrating National Poetry Month with an all ages event featuring poetry, art, games, and a chance to create your own found poetry. Weekly offerings • Mondays & Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Nicolet Academic Success Center. Get help with GED and college prep, computer skills, academic support and more. • Mondays, 2 - 3:30 p.m. — Hone your skills at Ukulele Practice. Don’t play? Bring another instrument — or your voice — and join us! • Tuesdays, 10 a.m. — Story Time. Bring your grown-up for stories, songs and fun! • Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Seated Yoga. Come as you are! Chairs will be provided. • Thursdays, 9 - 11 a.m. — Aunt Gracie’s Sewing Circle

• Thursdays, 4:30 - 6 p.m. — Silent Book Club. Bring your current read (or find one here), then take some time for yourself. • Fridays, 10 - 11 a.m. — Wiggle, Giggle & Shake music and movement program for kids ages 0-5. Monthly offerings • Compassus Grief Support Group (1st Thursdays, 1 - 2 p.m.) — April 3 (May 1) • Free Mending Day (1st Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) — April 5 (May 3) • Eagle River Genealogical Society (1st Mondays, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.) — April 7 (May 5) • Growing Together Family Support Group (2nd Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) — March 13 (April 10) • Memory Café (2nd Mondays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.) — April 14 (May 12)

Badger Bridge details winners

1st place – Jerry Baerenwald and Bob Dow. 2nd place – Larry O’ Brien and Jo Ann O’ Brien. 3rd place – Marie Andersen and Shele Fawcett. Bridge is held on Mondays starting at 11:45 a.m. at the Kalmar Center in Eagle River. Badger Bridge will start offering classes on how to play bridge starting Thursday, June 12.



Debbie Brown for Mayor

Hi, I am Debbie Brown, and I am asking for your vote for City of Eagle River Mayor on April 1st. Currently there are too many closed session meetings, and the agendas are written very sparsely. We need transparency in our local government, and I will strive to achieve better and more open communication with the taxpayers. If elected, I will reduce closed session meetings and write understandable agendas so you can have a clear idea of what goes on in our city.

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LIFESTYLE

Praise in the Pines
asks for support

Following a \$1,000 donation made by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church earlier this month, Praise in the Pines says that it continues to call out for additional support to “ensure a memorable celebration of faith and music” during the event slated to take place July 19.

Christian rock band Newsboys is slated to be the headliner for this year’s event, with a keynote speaker set to be announced in the coming weeks.

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 set to return to Eagle River on Saturday, July 19.

More information about the event and how to provide support can be found by visiting [praisethepines.org](#).



SPOT OF COLOR — Providing a nice spot of color amongst the backdrop of snow and other winter debris, a male cardinal hops across a late winter landscape. —STAFF PHOTO

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

Monday, March 31
Chili with macaroni, crackers, string cheese, dark greens salad with dressing, and apple cranberry yogurt salad.

Tuesday, April 1
Oven baked rosemary chicken, baked sweet potato, diced beets (hot), cornbread, and grapes.

Wednesday, April 2
Beef stroganoff, egg noodles, broccoli, pineapple, and raisin spice cake.

Thursday, April 3
BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, German potato salad, coleslaw, diced peaches, and butterscotch pudding.

Friday, April 4
Seasoned baked fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, and beetnik cake.

St. Germain

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

Wednesday, April 2
Beef stroganoff, egg noodles,

broccoli, pineapple, and raisin spice cake.

Thursday, April 3
BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, German potato salad, coleslaw, diced peaches, and butterscotch pudding.

Friday April 4
Seasoned baked fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, and beetnik cake.

Phelps

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

Monday, March 31
Chicken fettuccine alfredo, mixed dark greens salad with tomato garlic bread, and peaches.

Wednesday, April 2
Potato round casserole with ground beef and mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, and a brownie with strawberries.

Friday, April 4
Baked fish, baked fries, baked beans, whole wheat bread, and a banana.

Land O’ Lakes

Love of Life Café, Gateway Lodge
Serving at 11:30 a.m.
Butter and margarine offered. Coffee and fat-free milk

served with each meal. Lighter substitute in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad. Place reservations and choice with Anna Moore (715) 547-6076 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesday, April 1
Pork chop with apple/cranberry sauce, baked potato, whole wheat bread, green bean almandine, and a cookie.

Wednesday, April 2
Chicken alfredo with noodles, stewed tomatoes, dark greens salad, garlic bread, and gelatin with fruit.

North Lakeland Elementary School (NLES)

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

Tuesday, April 1
Chicken and cheese enchiladas, mixed greens salad, refried beans, applesauce, and dessert.

Wednesday, April 2
Turkey and cheese sub sandwich on whole grain with lettuce and tomato, baby carrots, oranges, and dessert. Thursday, April 3
Hot beef over mashed potatoes, steamed peas, pears, whole grain dinner roll, and dessert.

Three Lakes

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

Medicine

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double-check the label and the amount you drew up to make sure it matches the prescribed dose,” Bishop stresses. “This is especially

important when dosing for pediatric patients. If you’re ever unsure, contact your doctor or pharmacist. We’re here to help.” Aspirus encourages families and caregivers to adopt this safer approach

to liquid medication dosing. If picking up a liquid medication, ask the pharmacist for an oral syringe or demonstration. Together, these small steps can make a big difference in ensuring patient safety.

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

To create section 1m of article III of the constitution; relating to: requiring photographic identification to vote in any election (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 73, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 9, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1m of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 1m (1) No qualified elector may cast a ballot in any election unless the elector presents valid photographic identification that verifies the elector’s identity and that is issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state. The legislature shall by law establish acceptable forms of photographic identification, and the legislature may by law establish exceptions to the requirement under this subsection.

(2) A qualified elector who is unable to present valid photographic identification on election day shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot may not be counted unless the elector presents valid photographic identification at a later time and place as provided by the legislature by law.

SECTION 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2025; and, be it further

Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: “Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?”

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that “[o]nly a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum.” Wis. Const. art. III, § 2. The referendum question would add a new provision to Wis. Const. art. III to require that voters present valid photographic identification to exercise their rights as electors.

The proposed constitutional text would provide that acceptable photographic identification must be “issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state.” The proposal therefore would exclude identification such as out-of-state driver’s licenses and tribal identification issued by non-Wisconsin tribes.

The proposal would allow, but not require, the legislature to create exceptions to the identification requirement. Courts have held that some exceptions are required by the U.S. Constitution. The proposal would also prevent future legislatures from repealing statutory photographic identification requirements altogether.

A “yes” vote would vote to create a new article III, section 1m of the Wisconsin Constitution to require voters to present “valid photographic identification” in order to vote.

A “no” vote would vote not to create the new constitutional provision.

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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 to 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 on Thursday, March 27, at 1 p.m. Come down to the Demmer Fireplace Area and play Scrabble with other community members.

Do you write poetry, short stories, novels, or children's stories? Join fellow writers on Thursday, April 3, at 1 p.m. in the Demmer Maple Room.

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.

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THREE LAKES
APRIL 1, 2025

Referendum Election Details

At an election to be held in the School District of Three Lakes on April 1, 2025, the following proposed Initial Resolutions of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION NUMBER I

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER I
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,900,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety, security and site improvements; construction of additions at Sugar Camp Elementary School, including for classrooms and a cafeteria/multipurpose room; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for both district sites.

RESOLUTION NUMBER II

INITIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER II
AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Ballot Text

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION NUMBER I

"Shall the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety, security and site improvements; construction of additions at Sugar Camp Elementary School, including for classrooms and a cafeteria/multipurpose room; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for both district sites?"

QUESTION NUMBER II

"Shall the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

Explanation

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election questions as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on Question Number I is a vote to approve the borrowing of \$18,900,000 by the School District of Three Lakes through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety, security and site improvements; construction of additions at Sugar Camp Elementary School, including for classrooms and a cafeteria/multipurpose room; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for both district sites.

A "no" vote on Question Number I is a vote to deny the School District of Three Lakes the authority to borrow \$18,900,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety, security and site improvements; construction of additions at Sugar Camp Elementary School, including for classrooms and a cafeteria/multipurpose room; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for both district sites.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number I vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school building and facility improvement program described in Question Number I and borrow not in excess of \$18,900,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number I set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

A "yes" vote on Question Number II is a vote to approve the borrowing of \$2,700,000 by the School District of Three Lakes through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on Question Number II is a vote to deny the School District of Three Lakes the authority to borrow \$2,700,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on Question Number II vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school facility improvement program described in Question Number II and borrow not in excess of \$2,700,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on Question Number II set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

Location and Hours of Polling Places

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 6930 West School Street, Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

All polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Town of Hiles
EJ Kutchie
715-649-3680
Email: townofhiles@outlook.com

Town of Stella
Stacy Schickert
715-369-2292
clerk@townofstella.com

Town of Monico
Barbara Henderson
715-499-4981
barb.henderson@tn.monico.wi.gov

Town of Plehl
Bryan Kalikoski
720-951-4413
plehltownclerk@gmail.com

Town of Sugar Camp
Lauren Sowinski
715-272-1525
scamp@newnorth.net

Town of Three Lakes
Sue Harris
715-546-3316
townclerk@sue@townofthreelakeswi.gov

Notice of Meeting of the School District Board of Canvassers

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

DEADLINES
FOR SECTIONS

TOWN PAGES
THURSDAY 4 PM

LIFESTYLE
FRIDAY 10 AM

OBITUARIES
MONDAY 10 AM

NEWS
MONDAY 10 AM

LOCATION AND HOURS
OF POLLING PLACE
TOWN OF THREE LAKES

The Spring Election, Tuesday April 1, 2025, in the Town of Three Lakes the following polling place location will be used for all wards:

Three Lakes Town Municipal Building
6965 West School Street
Three Lakes, WI

THE POLLING PLACE WILL OPEN AT 7:00 AM AND WILL
CLOSE AT 8:00 PM

The polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voter.

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as a joint meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers and the Municipal Board of Canvassers for the purpose of conducting the local and municipal canvasses pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.81-89

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the April 1, 2025 Spring Election in the Town of Three Lakes will be conducted at the Town Municipal Building at 6965 West School Street, WI, at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 31, 2025.

Susan L. Harris, Town Clerk

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THREE LAKES
NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER (S. 120.06 (8) (c), Wis. Stats.)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Three Lakes that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, an election of School Board Members will be held. Candidate(s) for the School Board are as follows:

Brian Fritz
Elisha D. Williams
Juanita Duchrow

Electors will vote at their regular polling places. Electors should contact his/her Town Clerk if there are questions and/or to obtain an absentee ballot. Polls will be open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 PM.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2025.

s/Josh Kral, Clerk
Board of Education
School District of Three Lakes

FACSIMILE OF OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT
Nonpartisan Office
April 1, 2025

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

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To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to their name like this: [X]

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

School Board Members
Vote for not more than 2

☐ Brian Fritz

☐ Elisha D. Williams

☐ Juanita Duchrow

Write-in:

Write-in:

Write-in:

OFFICIAL BALLOT
Non-Partisan Office
April 1, 2025
For

Three Lakes School District -
Municipality and ward number(s)

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk

If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

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Official Referendum Ballot
April 1, 2025

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Instructions to Voters

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To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: [X]

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: [X]

School District

Question Number I: Shall the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$18,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project consisting of: district-wide renovations, capital maintenance, building infrastructure, safety, security and site improvements; construction of additions at Sugar Camp Elementary School, including for classrooms and a cafeteria/multipurpose room; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment for both district sites?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Question Number II: Shall the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Teri Maney, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Three Lakes
on March 26, 2025
Josh Kral
District Clerk

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CHRISTINA BRANDMEIER

THREE LAKES

715-479-4421
cbrandmeier@mmclocal.com



LONE EAGLE — An eagle, flying solo, rests on a branch amidst a snowy background.
—STAFF PHOTO

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FROM PAGE 1

national and international awards after I entered the Fourth Estate back in 1989, a professional journey that would swing me through Wisconsin's Northwoods across three newspapers in Vilas and Oneida counties from 2006-2022.

All in all, It's been a great run that's afforded me a variety of experiences over the decades as the newspaper industry transitioned from the tactile era of typewriters, land-line and pay phones, light boxes, border tape, paste-up boards, X-ACTO knives, hot wax, rubber cement, pica rulers, film cameras and proportion wheels to the ephemeral digital world of computers, graphic design software, online content management systems, digital cameras, smart phones and the industry-disrupting rise of the internet.

It was a memorable moment being a card-carrying member of the White House Press Corps covering a presidential campaign stop alongside BBC, Reuters, NBC, CBS, ABC, FOX and CNN news crews.

So was the opportunity to interview a Who's Who of American notables running the gamut from MASH's Jamie "Klinger" Farr, Mister

Rogers' Neighborhood's Fred Rogers and David "Mr. McFeeley" Newell, Bob "Captain Kangaroo" Keeshan and Emergency's Randolph "Johnny Gage" Mantooth to surviving World War II veteran Tuskegee Airmen, Baseball Hall of Fame Chicago Cubs announcing great Harry Caray, Country Music Hall of Famer Ronnie Milsap and, most recently, retired WWF professional wrestler Hulk Hogan.

In awe of the newspaper columnists of yore that I grew up with — famed writers like Mike Royko, Bob Green, Andy Rooney, Calvin Trillin, Erma Bombeck and Dave Barry among others — it's been a dream come true to have lived the dream of becoming an award-winning columnist in my own right, now for 19 years and counting across two states and five newspapers, since 2021 with the Vilas County News-Review.

And last, but certainly not least, it's been the honor and privilege of a lifetime to share the stories of thousands of everyday heroes in scores of local communities across Wisconsin, Illinois and Ohio across the course of my career.

Being a sentimentalist, I've got file cabinets and ring binders filled with 36 years of stories, each memorable to me in their own way.

The above quote attributed to Twain came to mind last Friday, even as I was on the phone with H.R. discussing the severance agreement, the availability of Continuation of Health Benefits (COBRA), filing for unemployment compensation, and rolling over my 401K into my IRA.

It was a pivotal glass half empty yet glass half full moment. It was freeing — scary and yet exhilarating.

Yes, I was having the bowline cast off for me with the elimination of my full-time with benefits day job, and yet I was also now free to sail from safe harbor, catch the trade wind in my sails, and explore, dream and discover.

Thanks to the advice and wise counsel of my friend Walt, himself once downsized out of a job, I've begun to ask the optimistic question of why this turn of events is happening FOR me, rather than the fallback standard lament of why this turn of events is happening TO me.

A new chapter in my life now waits to be written. What the storyline will be remains to be seen.

I have faith that God has a plan, and that adventure and new life awaits.

So throw off the bowlines!
Contributing News-Review columnist Eric Johnson can be reached at eric@fynorthwoods.com.

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
AND
SAMPLE BALLOTS
April 1, 2025

OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF THREE LAKES CLERK TO THE
ELECTORS OF TOWN OF THREE LAKES:

Notice is hereby given of a Spring Election to be held in the Town of Three Lakes Oneida County on the 1st day of April 2025, at which the nominees for the offices named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office under the appropriate party or other designation, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum if any, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If an elector is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the voter provides proof of residence. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where optical scan voting is used, the elector shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the elector shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided, for a write in and fill in the oval on the write-in line. On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device (ImageCast Evolution-ICE) to mark an optical scan ballot, the elector shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the elector shall type in the name of the candidate of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied.

If an elector spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The elector shall then insert the ballot in the voting devise and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

The elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballots:

Susan L. Harris

Susan L. Harris, Three Lakes Town Clerk

Ballot ID: 2121

Town of Three Lakes, Ward 1, 2 & 3

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

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Municipal

Town Board Chairperson

Vote for 1

☐ Roger Brink

☐ write-in:

☐ Brian Fritz

☐ Elisha D. Williams

☐ Juanita Duchow

☐ write-in:

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

☐ Matt Olkowski

☐ Jeffrey Boehm

☐ write-in:

Town Treasurer

Vote for 1

☐ Brittany Kinser

☐ Jill Underly

☐ write-in:

School District

Three Lakes School District

School Board Member

Vote for not more than 2

☐ Brian Fritz

☐ Elisha D. Williams

☐ Juanita Duchow

☐ write-in:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent

Vote for 1

☐ Brittany Kinser

☐ Jill Underly

☐ write-in:

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

☐ Brad Schimel

☐ Susan Crawford

☐ write-in:

Court of Appeals Judge

District 3

Vote for 1

☐ Lisa K. Starn

☐ write-in:

Continue voting at top of next column. Continue voting at top of next column. Continue voting on back of ballot.

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Ballot ID: 2122

Town of Three Lakes, Ward 3 (Sanitary)

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

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Municipal

Town Board Chairperson

Vote for 1

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☐ write-in:

☐ Brian Fritz

☐ Elisha D. Williams

☐ Juanita Duchow

☐ write-in:

Town Board Supervisor

Vote for not more than 2

☐ Matt Olkowski

☐ Jeffrey Boehm

☐ write-in:

Town Treasurer

Vote for 1

☐ Brittany Kinser

☐ Jill Underly

☐ write-in:

School District

Three Lakes School District

School Board Member

Vote for not more than 2

☐ Brian Fritz

☐ Elisha D. Williams

☐ Juanita Duchow

☐ write-in:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent

Vote for 1

☐ Brittany Kinser

☐ Jill Underly

☐ write-in:

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

☐ Brad Schimel

☐ Susan Crawford

☐ write-in:

Sanitary District

Three Lakes Sanitary District #1

Sanitary District Commissioner

Vote for 1

☐ Ben Bonack

☐ write-in:

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Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes." like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No." like this: ●

State

QUESTION 1: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article II of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

☐ Yes

☐ No

School District

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Question Number 2: Shall the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

for

Town of Three Lakes, Ward 1, 2 & 3

Oneida County

Ballot ID: 2121

Signature of assessor

Initials of inspectors who remain ballot

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☐ Overvoted

☐ Damaged

☐ Other

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Referendum

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State

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☐ Yes

☐ No

Question Number 2: Shall the School District of Three Lakes, Oneida and Forest Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: athletic facility and site improvements, including for track replacement, a concessions/bathroom building, bleacher upgrades and parking lot expansion; related accessibility updates, safety and capital maintenance improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

for

Town of Three Lakes, Ward 3 (Sanitary)

Oneida County

Ballot ID: 2122

Signature of assessor

Initials of inspectors who remain ballot

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The Hunt family of Land O' Lakes has been selected as the benefactor of the 2025 Fish Fry. Pictured, from left to right, are Chris, Lisa and Hannah Hunt. —Contributed Photo

St. Albert's announces 2025 Fish Fry benefactor

St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Land O' Lakes has announced the 2025 Fish Fry date and benefactor.

After a short Covid hiatus, this event successfully returned in 2024. The 2025 St. Albert Fish Fry is for the benefit of the Chris Hunt Family.

Chris is a young man struggling with a health

setback that has perplexed medical teams. Lisa Hunt is a single mother of Chris and sister Hannah. They moved from Racine to the North Woods in 2013 and finally settled in Land O' Lakes in 2019. Lisa was a nursing student, working part-time, and has held volunteer positions. Currently, Chris Hunt is a high school senior. He enjoys

schoolwork, martial arts, weightlifting and part time jobs. He is active in church youth activities. His sister, Hannah Hunt, is in middle school. She enjoys softball and equestrian activities.

This family's life changed one cold January morning in 2024. Chris awoke with

To FISH FRY, Pg. 8

LOLA Arts welcomes new Artist-in-Residence Adrienne S. Wallner

In celebration of National Poetry Month this April, LOLA Arts is welcoming back local author and poet Adrienne S. Wallner as their newest Artist-in-Residence.

Through the duration of her residency at LOLA, Wallner will be showing an art exhibit of painting and poetry called "Acrylic & Ink," featuring Wallner's poetry in conversation with the paintings of her grandfather, artist Philip Richard Stock, on display at

the LOLA Gallery in downtown Land O' Lakes from Wednesday, April 9 - Friday, April 25.

For years, Wallner has been hoping to curate a show of her grandfather's work, and she is pleased to have this opportunity to present his artwork in conversation with her poetry. The opening reception for Acrylic & Ink will take place Thursday, April 10, with a meet and greet from 4 - 5 p.m. and an Artist Talk from 5 - 6 p.m.

Complimentary wine, light appetizers and refreshments will be served.

A Poetry & Prose Open Mic hosted by Wallner will take place in the LOLA Gallery on Thursday, April 24. The performance will be preceded by a potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the Open Mic event occurring 6 - 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to share their work, the

To LOLA, Pg. 8

Library hosts 3rd Annual Bar Cookie Crawl

Last Thursday afternoon was a chance for bakers to prove that they made the world's best bar cookies at the Land O' Lakes Library's 3rd Annual Bar Cookie Competition.

With twelve bar cookies on offer, the competition presented a huge variety of bar cookies. The judging panel this year was made up of Dottie Reeder (cookie decoration expert), Dick Mendham of Sunrise Lodge, and Scott Krusick of Watersmeet, Mich. Speaking to the judges from all 12 entries, their decision was unanimous; their winning vote went to pistachio sugar cookie squares baked by Mary Therese Howard who is from Bruce Crossing and works in Land O' Lakes at The Headwaters State Bank.



Mary Therese's sweet creation.



Mary Therese Howard with her winning prize. —Photos By Bob Hughes



The judges, from left to right, were Scott Krusick, Dick Mendham and Dottie Reeder.



Pictured, from left to right, are John Huza, Steve Chandler, Bill Reckling, Bob Hughes, Rolie Alger and Brian Blank. —Photo By Cheri Hughes

Lion's Club presents \$3,500 in donations

Last Thursday evening some of the members of the Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club gathered at the historic Gateway Lodge to present several check donations to various organizations.

First was to the Land O' Lakes Public Library for the sum of \$500. Bob Hughes (President of the Library Board of Trustees) was on hand to receive the check; he thanked the Lions

for their generous donation that helps continue the wonderful events that Shelly Knack and her staff are able to offer to local families at the Library.

Other donations included \$500 to Wisconsin Lions Eye Bank, \$500 to Wisconsin Lions Foundation – Camp, \$500 to Wisconsin Lions Foundation – Pride Campaign, \$500 to the LCI Foundation, and \$1000 to the Leader Dog Program.



The winners of the 2025 Bar Cookie Crawl are Mary Therese Howard and Niklos Schulze with their Pistachio Sugar Cookie Squares. The judges, Dottie Reeder, Scott Krusick, and Dick Mendham, had a very difficult time choosing the winner, as all of the entries were delicious!

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 to 10 a.m. Qigong is free of charge and all are welcome.

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

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

and their caregivers are welcome.

Lego Club is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

New large print books on the shelves: "The Puzzle Box" by Danielle Trussoni, "Dreaming of Autumn Skies" by V.C. Andrews, "Leave the Girls Behind" by Jacqueline Bublitz, "Lawbreaker" by Diana Palmer, "You're Safe Here" by Leslie Stephens, and "Night & Day" by John Connolly.

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

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

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TOWN OF LAND O' LAKES
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PARK GROUNDS AND
MAINTENANCE POSITION

The Town of Land O' Lakes is accepting applications for employment for a seasonal part-time Park Grounds and Maintenance position. The duties related to this position will be maintenance of town facilities, grounds and the bike trail. The position will be 20 hours per week from May 1, 2025 until October 31, 2025 with a wage of \$15.00 per hour. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's office, 4331 County Road B, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540 or on the town website landolakeswi.gov. Applications will be accepted until 3pm on April 16th, 2025.

The Town of Land O' Lakes is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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Members of the woman's club and fire fighters posed with a new fire blanket at the fire house in Phelps. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

Woman’s Club purchases blankets for Fire Department

The Phelps Woman’s Club donated \$2,840 to the Phelps Fire Department for the purchase of two Fire Cloak High Performance electric vehicle fire blankets — one blanket for each engine, to be used to manage electric car fires. The blankets are a single-use item.

Jeremy Ryan, Phelps fire chief, said, “On behalf of the Phelps Fire Department and our entire community, we extend our deepest gratitude to the Phelps Women’s Club for their generous donation toward specialized fire suppression blankets for electric vehicle fires.

“As the challenges in firefighting continue to evolve, having the right tools to respond effectively is critical. Their generosity directly enhances our ability to protect lives and property, ensuring we are better equipped to handle emerging hazards. Thank you for your support and commitment to the safety of our community.”

Northwoods Living Care Foundation donates new defibrillator

Northwoods Living Care Foundation recently purchased a new defibrillator for the Phelps ambulance.

The \$50,000 for the Life Pack 35 was collected from Christmas letters the foundation sent out to all Phelps taxpayers over the last two years, asking for donations for a new defibrillator. The Life Pack 35 is capable of sending EKGs to the hospital before the EMTs leave the scene, resulting in the hospital staff knowing how critical the patient is before the ambulance arrives. If the hospital medical team sees something critical in the readings, they will call for a helicopter to meet the ambulance at the hospital. This will save time for the patients to reach Wausau cardiac hospital.



Pictured in front, from left to right, are Cathy Grady Northwoods Living Care Foundation president; Kathy Regenfuss A-EMT; and Karol Wilson Secretary. Back row, from left to right, are Carole Selin, foundation treasurer and director /AEMT; Josh Hedberg EMT, Sean Murphy EMT; and Rob Andersen EMT. —Contributed Photo

School District of Phelps
Notice of School Board Election
SEC. 120.06(8)(c) Wisconsin Stats.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Phelps that on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, an election of school board members will be held. The candidates for the school board are as follows. Vote for one.

Donna Rosner

Electors will vote in their regular polling place; either at the Phelps Fire Hall or by absentee ballot from the town clerk. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 14th day of March 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Johnson, Clerk

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Fish Fry

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a violent headache that persisted for four months; he was unable to stand and eventually required a wheelchair. The immediate search for healing started locally, then to Marshfield and Green Bay, and now to Madison. An exact diagnosis has eluded the medical

staff. At times, they have been able to provide modest relief for Chris, but then his condition falters. The new doctors in Madison are hopeful they will find an accurate diagnosis and offer long-term rehabilitation for Chris.

In the last year, Lisa curtailed her nursing studies and her job to provide 100% of her time for Chris' needs and frequent trips to

Madison.

Regrettably, not all expenses are reimbursed by insurance. Medical and travel/lodging expenses are mounting.

This early spring event will be held on Friday, April 11, from 5 - 7 p.m. Ticket prices will be \$18 for adults, \$12 for children aged 6 to 12, and children under six years old are free.

Tickets are available at

the door on April 11.

The church will also be accepting donations on behalf of the family. Checks should be made out to St. Albert's and should clearly state "St. Albert Fish Fry" in the memo line. Donations can be sent to St. Albert Parish, 4351 County Road B, P.O. Box 237, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540.

LOLA

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work of another, or to just sit back and enjoy. Those interested in sharing are welcome to sign up for a 5-minute

maximum time slot at the event. More information about all of these events may be found at lolaartswi.com.

Wallner is a writer, photographer, teaching artist, traveler and nature enthusiast. She holds a

B.A. in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing from St. Norbert College, and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing with an emphasis in Poetry, from the University of Southern Maine-Stonewall.

She has been a National Park Ranger, youth advocate, wilderness instructor, grant writer,

teacher, and editor. Her poetry collection, "To the 4 a.m. Light," was published by Finishing Line

Press and her work has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Adrienne is Co-Vice President of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets. In 2022 she was an Opening Poet for internationally renowned poet, Rupi Kaur, and a guest teacher at the Oscar Wilde House for Western Connecticut State University's Dublin Residency. Her poetry has been exhibited at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center SOCIAL Studio, the Wausau Center for Visual

Arts, the LOLA Gallery, Unwind in Woodruff, and by Roche Gallery and Writer's Studio.

Wallner's poetry is currently on display at Isle Royale National Park in Rock Harbor and aboard the NPS Ranger III as part of the park's "Support Superior" Marine Debris Awareness exhibit, funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Born in Milwaukee, Wallner lives in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. She is very excited to host Open Mic again and is looking forward to hearing everyone's work.

More information can be found about Wallner and her work at inkinthebranches.com.

Stack up on Phelps maple syrup!

Saturday, April 5
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- Self-guided sugarbush tours
- Make taffy on the snow
- Tasty treats at the Maple Café
- Arts & Crafts Fair
- Maple syrup judging contest
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Outdoors

Farewell to my readers after 40 years in this space

The scribbler is filling this space for the last time, as the Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News will be bringing you a new outdoor columnist in upcoming issues that I'm sure you will find enjoyable.

Ironically, it was exactly 40 years ago that I penned the first outdoor column on these pages.

Since March of 1985, I've written a column every week — totaling 2,080 columns to be exact.

Today I mostly want to thank our dedicated subscribers and readers for all the support over the decades, blessing this not-so-creative news writer with accolades about a column that reflected nothing more than real-life experience. Your support allowed me to write about everything and anything that impacted those who enjoy the great outdoors, including some controversial topics such as treaty rights, wolf management, motor trolling, bass season openers, walleye size limits, deer management and many issues related to the Department of Natural Resources.

But I also got to share some special moments, whether it was fishing with a wife, dad or daughter, or



In the Outdoors

BY KURT KRUEGER

hunting with a great dog and old friends. I got to write about kids shooting their first bear or deer, and deer camp stories that included a miraculous shot that took down two trophy bucks.

Fishing with kids was the topic of many a piece, for passing these sports onto future generations was always a top priority.

There were a number of sad columns that had to be written, a box of tissues at my side, as I commemorated relatives, friends and special dogs who passed. This was always the funniest part of my editor and publisher job, a column that gave me a great excuse to spend every minute I possibly could basking in this blessed land of lakes and forests.



Dozens of awards, many of them first-place plaques that changed shape and color over the decades, showed journalist judges from other states often favored the scribbler's outdoor column in annual contests. —Photo By The Author

It was quite enjoyable to write about Wisconsin's rich outdoor heritage and how we stacked up with other states when it came to hunting, fishing, trapping and other pursuits.

Equally satisfying were the success stories that showed our conservation legacy was among the nation's best, proven by the recovery or reintroduction of numerous native species. What this state did with eagles, ospreys and loons is quite amazing. We brought

back the pine marten, the fisher and wild turkeys, and the list is long.

Nothing I wrote, however, topped the response I received from readers, which included the people judging annual contests with the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Every time we did a reader survey, the outdoor column ranked highest.

And let's be clear, that has a lot to do with the massive importance of hunting, fishing and other outdoor

pursuits in this recreation paradise.

Judges in the annual Better Newspaper Contest, which came from a different state every year, adorned the column with dozens of awards — including more than a dozen first-place plaques.

Imagine how shocked I was last fall, walking through a parking area at Lambeau Field on a Packers Sunday, when a guy from Green Bay recognized “the scribbler” and his daughter

walking through. He happened to own property on Catfish Lake and has been a reader for years.

But that's all history now and all I can do is thank the owners, past and present, for giving me the opportunity and freedom I had to write without restrictions.

It's tough to say goodbye after my retirement, but best wishes, and God's richest blessings, to our faithful readers.

DNR suggests ordering native plants to support Wisconsin's pollinators

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that native plant sales are popping up around the state now through June to support Wisconsin pollinators.

Native plants come in a wide variety of colors, shapes and sizes, providing endless options to create landscaping that suits any style.

“Introducing native plants to your yard is a wonderful way to provide habitat for butterflies, bees, birds and other wildlife,” said Amy Staffen, DNR conservation biologist for the DNR's Natural Heritage Conservation Program. “These sales by local organizations and Wisconsin native plant nurseries offer an easy way to exercise your green thumb, whether you're a beginner or more experienced gardener.”



Joe-pye weed is a perennial native plant that grows up to 6" tall and attracts pollinators like the northern amber bumble bee (*Bombus impatiens*). —Contributed Photo

Native plant sales are offered across Wisconsin this spring as local non-profit organizations and governments host online

preorders and in-person sales. Wisconsinites have a chance to buy plants in advance while benefiting local organizations. While

most sales occur in May and June, some require orders in advance that are due in March or April.

The DNR has compiled

a list of this year's native plant sales on the Native Plants webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/endangeredresources/native-plants so those interested can order native plants in time for late spring and early summer planting. Check the webpage periodically for new listings. Producers and plant sale hosts can contact Amy

Staffen to get their native plant sale listed on the webpage.

More information on native plant sales, native plant nurseries, rain gardens, pollinator gardens, how-to guidance documents, plant lists and more is available on the DNR's Native Plants webpage.



Fishing with the guides

BY GEORGE LANGLEY

Ice may start thinning, bite is still good

While the ice fishing season is hanging on, the winter storm over the weekend and the several inches of fresh snow have made conditions a little trickier. Travel on the lakes will be messy, especially in the afternoons, but thanks to consistently cold nighttime temps, mornings will still offer firmer footing—just plan accordingly. As always, caution is key this time of year! The shorelines are really changing quickly, especially on those sunny and windy days.

We're still seeing good ice thickness across most lakes, ranging from 15 - 25", but warm days ahead and heavy wet snow mean runoff and slush are increasing fast. Be especially careful near inlets, outlets and anywhere current flows through—like the channels on the chain—where ice can thin quickly.

The upside? The bite is still good!

Crappies are staying active along shallow weed edges in shallow water of about 5 - 8' feet.

Mornings and evenings continue to produce best. Small, bright and flashy vertical jigs tipped with waxes or crappie minnows remain the top choice.

Bluegills are being found a bit deeper, but we're also hearing of good shallow action as the fish move up to those shorelines for the increased oxygen from melting snow. Use light tackle and a small jig tipped with waxes or red spikes for best results.

Perch fishing is solid, and we're seeing more movement into the shallows. Larger rosy reds are still the bait of choice if you're targeting size over quantity. Deeper mud flats are still productive, but shallower water is heating up — literally and figuratively.

This week's snow cover may actually prolong the ice season just a bit by insulating the surface and slowing melt-off. Still, it's officially ice transition season, so check conditions often and avoid solo ventures.

Now's also a great time to prep for open water. Start going through your rods and reels, change out old line, and repair any gear that took a hit last year. With any luck, we'll be on the water not long after we're off the ice. If you're going out to grab those last-of-the-season panfish, be careful!

Good luck and good fishin'!



WINTER BIRD — Black-capped chickadees are an iconic bird for Wisconsin winters, being non-migratory as cold weather moves in. To keep warm, they'll fluff out their feathers for insulation, along with consuming a high-calorie diet consisting of insects and nuts. —STAFF PHOTO

Our View

Vote “yes” to Three Lakes referendum

A two-question capital referendum will be on Three Lakes School District voters’ ballots this upcoming Tuesday, April 1 which, if approved, will provide funding for vital facility improvements in schools throughout the district.

We at the News-Review support the referendum and say that now more than ever it’s crucial to support public education.

During an era in which the very existence of the U.S. Department of Education is threatened by executive decisions, schools that have already struggled to receive federal funding are now even more at risk of receiving less.

Without funding, schools are unable to provide support systems for students and staff, curriculums that will help shape students into productive members of society and provide general maintenance and improvements on district buildings.

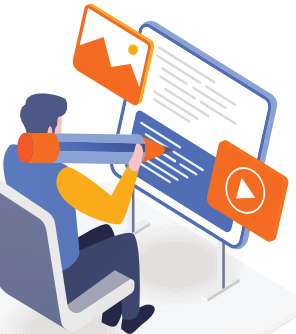
These proposed cuts to funding would affect public schools and libraries alike, affecting those who rely on these facilities for a great number of resources.

Federal funding received by the Three Lakes School District in fiscal year 2025 includes over \$260,000 from the Department of Education and over \$144,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, according to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. These funds go toward school meals, special education services for students with disabilities, support for students experiencing poverty and support for mental health, career and technical education, science, math and more.

Vote “Yes” in support of the Three Lakes School District capital referendum this upcoming April 1 election, vote “Yes” in support of public education.

Behind the editorial ‘we’

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Savvy Senior
YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION –
WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER.
SYNDICATED COLUMN

Are You at Risk for Kidney Disease?

Dear Savvy Senior,
What are the risk factors for kidney disease? My mother died from kidney failure a few years ago at age 75 but didn't even know she had a problem until it was too late.
Inquiring Daughter

Dear Inquiring,
Anyone who has diabetes, high blood pressure, heart problems or has a family history of the disease is at increased risk for chronic kidney disease, a condition in which the kidneys can no longer effectively filter your blood.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, around 37 million U.S. adults have chronic kidney disease, and millions more are at risk of developing it, yet most people don't realize it.

That's because kidney disease develops very slowly over many years before any symptoms arise. But left untreated, the disease can eventually require people to spend hours hooked up to a dialysis machine or get a kidney transplant. Even mild kidney problems can double a person's risk of heart attack and stroke, as well as cause anemia and bone disease.

The reason kidney disease has become so widespread today is because of the rise of obesity, type-2 diabetes, and high blood pressure which all strain the kidneys.

Another factor is the increasing number of people who take multiple medications, which can overtax the organs. People over age 60 are especially vulnerable, both because they tend to take more drugs, and because kidney function normally declines somewhat with age.

Get Screened

Because kidney disease is often symptomless, it's usually undiagnosed. The only way to catch it before it advances is to have a routine blood and urine test by your doctor. So, anyone that has diabetes, high blood pressure or heart disease, or is age 60 or older needs to be tested annually.

If your lab tests show a decline in kidney function for more than three months in a row, you might be diagnosed with kidney disease and referred to a nephrologist. You also need to know that while kidney

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OPINION/COMMENTARY



JUDGED WISCONSIN'S
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
OF THE YEAR



Sunset is most special of all

Is there anything so wonderful and beautiful as a sunset at the end of a day? It's as if God gave us something to smile down upon us before saying goodnight for another day.

There is something to like about all things in our daily lives, like rainfall to wash away the Mayfly spen-twings at dusk, a breeze to shoo mosquitoes away on a summer evening, rainbows to marvel at after a shower passes by, snowflakes swirling on an Arctic breeze, leaves lighting up the land-scape on an autumn after-noon, but sunset is what makes every day end a little special, a little better than we think life might be.

I like going to sleep at night with a stout wind blowing, and maybe the end of day sent off with a literal bang of thunder in midsum-mer, but to me a golden sun-set is the perfect end to any day.

I've been fortunate enough to watch sunsets bring down the curtain on any given day from some of the best locales a person could possibly think of.

Around this neck of the woods, I'm guessing most people would rate seeing the sun sinking below the trees beyond a western shore of one of our hun-dreds of lakes as the best

place to watch in wonder.

I wouldn't argue that, but I might enter-tain thoughts as to some of the places I would rate as being on an equal footing.

Where to begin? For any-one who has visited or lived in one of our mountainous western states, I would not argue that a sunset slowly sliding behind a moun-taintop like Cloud Peak in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming would be the best.

Nor could I find fault with picking as a favorite the sun gently sliding down behind a forest of pine along the edge of a meadow below San Antonio Mountain in New Mexico. I was lucky enough to enjoy not only a splendid sunrise over that round-topped mountain, but a magnificent sunset as well after slowly meander-ing my way to the top while on an elk hunt many years ago.

On another western trip, my lovely wife and I were treated to a grand sunset as we watched the end of day come to Mount Rushmore in South Dakota. We



Trails & Tails
BY WILL MAINES

shared Missouri sunsets that descended over Lake of the Ozarks there, and we watched a great blazing orange orb settle down over the Great Smoky Mountains in Tennessee.

Of course, it doesn't take a mountain to frame a sunset made in Heaven. I couldn't begin to count the number of sunsets we've marveled at right here at home. Sitting on a lakeside bench, watch-ing the sun settle down over the back end of West Plum Lake, takes only a half-mile or so walk from our house to enjoy.

From a canoe floating placidly on a calm Rice Lake (don't look for this particular lake to be named thusly on any current Vilas County map), I have watched many a glorious sunset giving last light to the day over a ridge on that lake's western side while picking up decoys at the end of an October after-noon of duck hunting.

My wife and I have camped untold numbers of times along the shores of Lake Superior, and I can

tell you there are no more beautiful sunsets to be found than those witnessed from a cliff edge overlook-ing the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore just outside Munising, Mich.

We've marveled at the beauty one blazing yellow dwarf star can provide in any number of places, any-where we've traveled, or right here in our own home territory.

More than once, I got to see the sun dancing not too far over the treetops of Lake Hayward as it began its downward arc for the day as I skied the final kilo-meters across the lake to the American Birkebeiner finish line.

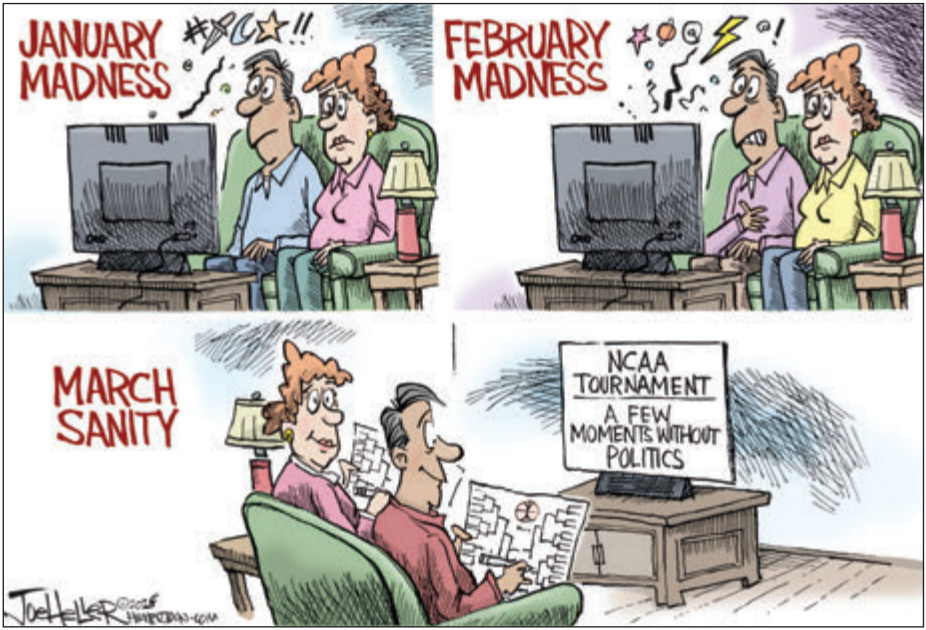
Here at home, I find myself from time to time just sitting on my deck while saying goodbye to another day. The sun casts a subdued, soft look over the pine forest across the road from my house as it reluctantly gives way to dusk.

In the springtime I can hear peepers singing from their home along a tiny bog lake to the east of my house, and I like to think they are singing in praise of the sun that has warmed their day and mine.

I tarry, sometimes longer than I should, at a primitive boat landing on a lake hid-den from many people in the heart of the Northern Highland State Forest, just to watch the sun slide downward as it says a solo good day after a few of my hours were spent in pursuit of the bluegills which are plentiful in that small body of water.

On many occasions I have listened to robins and other songbirds sing one last song for the day as the sun slipped down the west side of a lake where my wife and I oftentimes found ourselves watching it slowly disappear from our rustic campsite.

All minutes and hours of a day can be special, but for me the time of sunset is the most special of all.



Appropriateness, not banning

To the Editor;
Across the State of Wisconsin and the nation, hundreds of age-inappro-priate books are being chal-lenged in our public school libraries.

Fifteen books have been challenged and removed from the Northland Pines High School and Middle School libraries. The first title to be removed was "PUSH." The most controversial book across the nation, "Flamer," was also removed.

Remaining, over 100 questionable books have been submitted to the NPSD Board President, Jen Payne.

The NPSD board changed the 'book removal policy' — it is parents' sole responsi-bility to "list," what their child cannot read while there, and what their child cannot check out, with no guidelines as to what is housed in the library.

All of the books on this list are available at our

local public libraries — no banning of books.

The video, "Megan's Story/Lost in the Pages/ Part 1" is a presentation by a 17-year-old girl who was deeply affected by the books also found in our NPSD library. Megan was an eager young reader, trusting the guidance of the adults in her public school, but when a librar-ian recommended a book — it became a turning point. The words on those pages

led her down a path of self-harm, depression, danger-ous promiscuity and deep anguish.

I am asking the NPSD School Board to consider addressing the list of books that remain and share that list with parents who are unaware of availability to their students.

I have shared the list with the editor of VCNR.

Margo Sherren
St. Germain

Qualified Charitable Distributions: Win-Win-Win!

What Others Say

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be scheduled at the IRA owner's request. For your giving, consider Qualified Charitable Distributions, a win-win-win!

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OPINION/COMMENTARY



FALSE SPRING — Following a period of warm temperatures and precipitation, it seems like winter has returned to the North Woods with a vengeance over the weekend, dumping over 5 inches of snow across the region, resulting in morning delays for some area schools and a hazardous morning commute.
—Staff Photo By JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN

Savvy

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damage cannot be reversed, there are a number of effective lifestyle steps and treatments that can help contain the damage, including:

Control your blood pressure: If you have high blood pressure, get it under 130/80. If you need medication to do it, ACE inhibitors and ARBs are good choices because of their proven ability to protect the kidneys.

Control your diabetes: If you have diabetes, keep your blood sugar as close to normal as possible. Diabetes medications called SGLT-2 inhibitors have also been shown to be effective in helping slow the progression of kidney disease, even in nondiabetic patients.

Adjust your diet: This

usually means reducing the amount of protein and phosphorus you eat and cutting back on sodium, sugar, and possibly potassium. Your doctor can help you determine an appropriate eating plan, or you may want to talk to a dietitian.

Watch your meds: Dozens of commonly used drugs can damage the kidneys, especially when taken in high doses over long periods – most notably NSAIDs like ibuprofen and naproxen. Proton pump inhibitor (PPI) medications taken for heartburn and GERD, and herbal supplements, can also be problematic. Talk to your doctor about all the prescription, over the counter, and herbal products you take to identify potential problems and find alternatives.

Exercise and lose weight: If you're

overweight and inactive, start an aerobic fitness routine (walk, swim, cycle, etc.) that gets your heart pumping. This will help lower blood pressure, control diabetes, and help you lose excess weight, all of which will help your kidneys.

Stay hydrated: Dehydration can affect kidney function, so try to drink at least six to eight 8-ounce glasses of water per day.

Quit smoking: If you smoke, quit. Smoking damages the kidneys and doubles the rate of progression to end-stage renal failure.

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.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Protected Moments in Time: A Reflection on Love and Change

Dear Reader,

In life, we all experience what I'd call "protected moments in time"—those rare and powerful instances where everything feels eternal. Perhaps it was the day you fell in love and promised a "forever" to someone, or a life-changing experience where a vow to stay true felt as solid as the stars. In these moments, we see our highest ideals, our best selves, and we genuinely believe that nothing will shake that promise.

Yet life has a way of unfolding unpredictably. Years pass, circumstances change, and sometimes, so do we. We might find ourselves looking back at those once-immovable promises, wondering if they are still meant to shape our lives now. It's a complex question: Do we remain loyal to the person we once were, honoring that promise? Or do we let that moment live as a cherished memory, appreciating it for what it was, even if we have outgrown it?

As we grow, perhaps part of honoring these protected moments is

acknowledging that they held real meaning and value, even if time has carried us in different directions. It's about asking ourselves how these moments can be preserved—not necessarily as obligations but as threads in the fabric of our lives. In this way, those precious promises don't have to be lost or broken; instead, they become a part of who we are today, even as we embrace the person we've become.

Opening this dialogue invites us to look at our lives with compassion, respect, and honesty. It allows us to honor our past without being held captive by it, and perhaps to understand that some promises were meant to live beautifully in memory, influencing us, but not confining us. In these reflections, we might find peace, and maybe even inspiration, to continue building moments worth protecting in the time we have.

PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher
Author of "Reflections" a new book now available on Amazon.



PAID LETTER

Together we can build a great community

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter written by Kathryn Craffey regarding my candidacy for Mayor of the City of Eagle River.

Closed sessions are allowed in the statutes, but the courts have consistently ruled in favor of openness with the public. We need to treat closed sessions as a privilege, not as a right. In some instances, we need to slow down the action part of the closed sessions. As an example, an exorbitant employee contract was approved in the closed session in February. I believe the taxpayers should have been informed and have the opportunity to weigh in on them prior to approval.

Regarding the TID's

(Tax Incremental District), we reviewed each TID expense extensively with the auditors — the auditor has the final say if the expense was included in the TID. Each year we have a separate TID audit on each TID — every audit was clean and met the highest standards of audits. Subsequently, the city hired another audit firm that recommended realigning previously approved TID expenses by the original audit firm. We did our due diligence. And to put this in a little more perspective — we believed what our auditors told us then, just like this council believes what the new audit firm has told them now.

The new audit firm explained his conclusions in the October 23rd News Review: "the Auditor Sternhagen said the TID's

will now be paid off by 2030, much earlier than initially projected. He said this will benefit the city and other taxing jurisdictions." I think this is a good thing for the city!

Moving forward regarding the TID's, we need to have an open discussion regarding the money that the TID's are paying into the general fund. If I am elected, at the May council meeting, in open session, we will begin discussions about managing these new funds that will be coming into the general fund through 2030.

In April we have an opportunity to move in a new direction. Together, we can build a great community. I am asking for your vote on April 1st!

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Backward Glances

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One Year Ago - 2024

One of the mildest winters on record turned into an economic disaster for North Woods businesses that depend on winter tourism, translating into millions of dollars in lost revenue... There are few contested races on the spring election ballot next Tuesday, April 2, the first time in Vilas County history that no candidates will appear on the ballot in three of the 21 supervisory districts for county board seats...The Eagle River City Council made permanent earlier this month an unsettled ordinance that extended the slow-no-wake zone on the Eagle River Chain by about 2,000 feet, and officials vowed to consider a further extension toward Yellow Birch Lake at their next meeting on Tuesday, April 9...Voters in Oneida County will select a new Branch II circuit court judge when they go to the polls next Tuesday, April 2, a contest between assistant district attorney Mary Sowinski and corporation counsel Michael Fugle... The Wisconsin Senate recently passed legislation that would add \$25 million in increased funding for sexual assault and domestic abuse services statewide in the next two years.

10 Years Ago - 2015

Nine petitioners and the Wild Eagle Lodge Condominium Association have reached an agreement to amend the permit required for the installation of up to six pier structures on Duck and Lynx Lakes on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes...A scheduled jury trial for Andrew Rosner, 29, of Eagle River, facing two counts of attempted first-degree intentional homicide, was canceled when a plea agreement was reached in Vilas County Circuit Court last week...Timber is being cut on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) near Laona as part of a new initiative that keeps timber sale revenue on a national forest to fund special projects.

20 Years Ago - 2005

Two off-duty Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department lieutenants who were arrested in Eagle River were fined \$739 each Monday on county ordinance violations of disorderly conduct...Just over a year ago, voters in the Northland Pines School District said "Yes" to a referendum for \$26.54 million for the construction of a new high school...With more snow and cold temperatures last weekend, it's likely that North Woods snowmobile trails will stay open until March 31 — when they officially close for the season.

30 Years Ago - 1995

The racing team of Steve Decker and Ted Swiontek of Eagle River logged 969 miles in 24 hours Saturday and Sunday in what many are calling the most challenging snowmobile race ever run. ...A 10-year veteran of the Vilas County Sheriff's Department returned last Friday, March 10, two years after the sheriff and the district attorney issued a joint statement when an officer resigned as a result of a criminal investigation...A meeting to gather public input on a potential \$10 million building project for the satellite elementary school and remodeling the high school will be held tonight for residents in the Northland Pines School District.

40 Years Ago - 1985

Two major religious holidays, Easter and Passover, are being celebrated this week with special observances planned by many religious groups, schools and businesses...While many complain of high property taxes in the North Woods, of which more than half are levied by school districts, a recent survey shows property taxes paid to run schools in this area rank among the lowest tax rates in Wisconsin...A Lac du Flambeau tavern owner who shot a man in the stomach because he thought his son's life was in jeopardy during a bar fight was acquitted of aggravated battery by a 12-person jury last week in Vilas County Circuit Court... Chippewa Indians will be allowed to spear game fish on selected lakes during the spring spawning which runs in April, the state and tribes agreed to Monday of this week, according to John Brasch DNR district director in Rhinelander...Emergency medical technicians (EMTs) in Eagle River, Three Lakes and Rhinelander have been hitting the books again in an advanced lifesaving program that could some day help them save more emergency victims... There are not many cities in this country where the mayor is still going strong after 32 years in office, but that distinction goes to Eagle River native Donald "Pike" Dyer, who was elected to his 17th term as mayor on Tuesday.

50 Years Ago - 1975

Voter selection of new chairmen in Boulder Junction and Winchester highlighted elections across Vilas county Tuesday, April 1...By a slim margin of 27 votes, voters in the town of Lincoln approved of a referendum that authorizes the town board to levy a property tax if it should become necessary...A computer is going to help Vilas county make better use of its forests. That's the opinion of two full-time foresters, Tom Fegers, assistant Vilas county forest administrator, and Jim Baughman, Vilas county state forester... Town and county authorities, certain Vilas county's population is growing substantially above the state's average, are laying the groundwork now for special census taking this summer. And more than community pride in growth is at stake. For every additional person they find, the towns and county gain in greater state tax aid and federal revenue sharing.

60 Years Ago - 1965

Six candidates will be vying for the three positions on the Eagle River high school board in the Tuesday, April 6, spring elections. A total of nine candidates ran in the primary held in early March, and three of the candidates were eliminated...An increase in the variable quota on deer hunting, new bow regulations, and protection for bear cubs, will be some of the more important questions to be brought up at the Fish and Game hearing on April 5...Residents of Eagle River were encouraged to give their children the life-long benefits of fluoridation through the public water supply by Dr. Michael Arra, Director of Dental Health



1975, NEW CUBS — A sure sign of spring is the arrival of three bear cubs that were born at Len Weber's wildlife farm in Sayner. Here Karen Weber is shown holding one of the three six week old cubs. —STAFF PHOTO

for the State Board of Health in Madison... Voters in the Headwaters area will find two referendums on the April 6th ballot and only one of the two will concern people of this area. The referendum is the one relating to Wisconsin's antilottery law and the other to the offices of surveyor and coroner in Milwaukee county...The house appropriations committee recently told the nation's Forest Service that they had refused to approve the \$6,099,400 the service had asked for to buy the 18,352 acres of "Sylvania tract."

70 Years Ago - 1955

One of the most severe snow storms to hit Headwaters Country in the past ten years temporarily crippled activity in both Vilas and Oneida counties early this week...Vilas county residents who have not contributed to the Red Cross drive were urged today to make their donations before the month-long campaign draws to a close on March 31...At the stroke of twelve o'clock noon, on Friday, April 1st, church bells will be tolled and the public will be asked to halt all activities for a brief period of meditation. The ceremony is to be a part of a nation-wide event launching the American Cancer Society's 1955 Crusade in Eagle River and throughout Vilas county — a combined fund-raising and educational campaign...City of Eagle River elections will be quiet this spring — but there'll be a few questions after balloting Tuesday, April 5...Vilas county will be represented by District Attorney Robert Dickerson at a hearing in Madison today on a bill which provides for appropriations of up to \$2,500 to counties for law enforcement and court action regarding Indian cases...Forest insects, which now hold the doubtful distinction of being the most damaging factor in Wisconsin's woodland, was the subject for the third annual Forest Training Institute at Camp Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River, March 21-24.

80 Years Ago - 1945

It cost three Rhinelander men \$158 Monday for parking on Highway 70 Sunday afternoon...The Vilas County Red Cross Fund drive neared the \$4,000 mark this week as volunteer workers drive to meet the ideal county quota of \$5,600...Within 20 minutes, 175 police officers will be on the tail of any criminal who is foolish enough to try to get away with anything in Vilas, Oneida, Lincoln, Langlade and Forest counties as the result of an organizational meeting for the Northern Wisconsin Enforcement Coordinated group... Firsthand accounts of battle experiences were heard by Eagle River Rotarians at the Monday evening meeting held at the Arbutus Inn. The guest of the club was T/5 Norman Mayo, home on furlough after almost three years overseas...With the approach of the period of high fire hazard in the spring, an announcement was made this week by the emergency fire wardens for Vilas County.

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