

Snap Shots of a moment



Hummingbird
by Jo Wisniewski

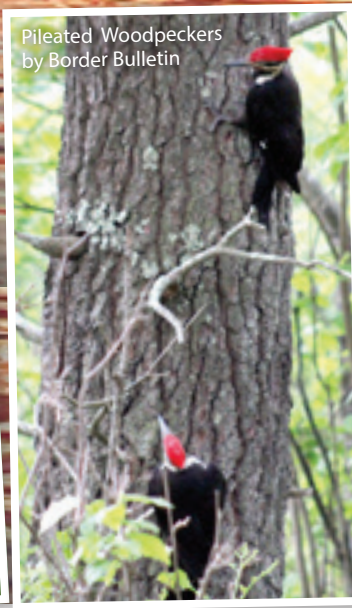
Enjoying the Northwoods is a unique experience. Whether you're out on a lake, hiking through the woods, or just relaxing in your backyard, you never know what your eyes will stumble upon. It's certainly a pleasant surprise to have a hummingbird zoom past you, witness the intimate moment a fawn feeds from its mother, cross paths with a bear cub suddenly wondering where it's mother is, hear a pair of pileated woodpeckers making vocal calls while dancing around a tree, climb a mountain and see the forest from a different perspective, or paddle in your kayak while the sun is setting and the sky displays an array of bright colors across the water. Cameras and phones are usually close by to capture these moments, sharing with others what it is like to live or visit the Northwoods. Send us the moments that surprised or delighted you to info@borderbulletin.com. We would like to share them with our readers.

– Border Bulletin Staff

Sunset by Bret Miller



Mom & Fawn
by David Franzen



Pileated Woodpeckers
by Border Bulletin



Bear Cub by David Franzen



Rock Climbing
by Kristin Groebel

Lack of Rain Prompts Campfire Caution

With the recent warming and drying trend impacting the Great Lakes region, the Hiawatha (Ottawa) National Forest would like to remind forest visitors to drown, stir, and feel their campfire before leaving the fire ring. With fire danger conditions above high at this time, vigilance is needed when having a campfire.

One rule of thumb is to *Know Before You Go!* You can check the current fire danger through the Great Lakes Fires and Fuels website. For all outdoor burning, including campfires, be sure to check the MI-DNR burn permit web-based map prior to lighting any brush or debris piles. And, here are some tips to help keep your fire con-

tained and controlled.

Clear an area up to 10 feet in diameter around your fire circle to remove any flammable materials. Be sure that overhead leaves or limbs have clearance and won't ignite from the campfire's convective heat. Check for roots in the fire circle, as fire can travel underground through dead root systems before reaching the surface and igniting a wildfire.

Keep your fire small and stay away from using flammable liquids like gasoline to start your fire. When you're done, cool your coals. Allowing your fire to burn down to white ash and stirring the coals can release trapped heat that will keep your campfire hot. Then, drown, stir, feel, repeat, until your fire is

dead out and cold to the touch. Popping, crackling, and hissing indicate the fire is still hot, so you should continue to add water and stir until you can touch the coals, making sure they are cold to the touch.

Remember to fully extinguish your campfire before going to bed or leaving your site. Unattended campfires risk wildfires. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

For more information about having safe campfires check out Smokey Bear's How-To page on campfire safety.



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BORDER HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS • • •

★ Featured in this issue.

Father's Day: Jun 20.
First Day of Summer: Jun 20.
Brush Run Off-Road Races: Cran- don, Jun 25-27.

CONOVER • • •
Taste of Conover: Town Park, Jun 27, 11am-3pm. ★

Fire/EMS Blueberry Pancake Break- fast: Comm. Ctr, Jul 11, 8am-1pm.

Chain Skimmers Ski Show: Lake Pleasant, Tu/Th/Su 7pm.

Town Board Meetings: Conover Center, 2nd Thurs, 6pm.

Conover Clerk's Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm. Events at www.townofconover.com/calendar.

Conover Post Office Window: Mon-Fri 8:45am-12:45pm & 2-4pm; Sat 9-11am.

Conover Chamber Hours: Conover Center, Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm. www.conover.org.

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Enter a Float in the Eagle River Chamber's Parade

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center is pleased to announce this year's theme *Salute Our American Heroes*. We are encouraging everyone (families, businesses, and organizations) to put together a parade float or themed display for the parade. Come showcase your hometown and national pride. There is no cost, and entrants are judged on originality, charm, and theme for bragging rights. The Eagle River 4th of July Parade is a total volunteer parade. Without you, there would be no parade, so put your creative thinking caps on and sign up. Parade check in and line-up assignment information will be available starting at 9:30am on July 4th at the corner of 7th and Division St. Step off of the first parade unit will be at 11:00am sharp.

For more information and to register your unit for the parade, please contact the Eagle River Area Chamber & Visitors Center at 715-479-6400. We would like to pre-register parade units by Monday, June 28th, so we can assign line-up numbers. We will have slots available at the check in at the start of the parade, but would prefer early registration.

Phelps Hosts Music On The Lake

Phelps Chamber of Commerce is hosting a new event this summer, *Music On The Lake*, held at the Lakeside Pines Park in downtown Phelps. The chamber is partnering with area businesses to sponsor the event and showcase all that Phelps has to offer. The event is scheduled on Wednesday nights throughout the summer - June 23rd, July 28th, and August 11th, from 6:00pm-9:00pm (weather permitting). The RBA Food Truck and Phelps Fire Department will be on site selling food and refreshments. For more information and the lineup of area musicians set to perform, visit PhelpsWI.us.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS • Decrease Cancer Risk

by Dr. Wendy Henrichs



Dr. Wendy M. Henrichs is a Board Certified Chiropractic Pediatrician and Nutrition Counselor at Timber Land Chiropractic.

Cancer, the dreaded diagnosis. The National Cancer Institute reports the most common cancers (listed in descending order according to estimated new cases in 2020) are breast cancer, lung and bronchus cancer, prostate cancer, colon and rectum cancer, melanoma of the skin, bladder cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, kidney and renal pelvis cancer, endometrial cancer, leukemia, pancreatic cancer, thyroid cancer, and liver cancer. Prostate, lung, and colorectal cancers account for an estimated 43% of all cancers diagnosed in men in 2020. For women, the three most common cancers are breast, lung, and colorectal, and they will account for an estimated 50% of all new cancer diagnoses in women in 2020. It is also

projected that 300,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. Approximately 50,000 are projected to be diagnosed with non-invasive breast cancer. Cancer is a lifestyle disease. Breast cancer and other lifestyle related cancers are on the rise. Lifestyle choices and environmental factors can increase a woman's risk for breast cancer and your risk for other forms of cancer as well. Here are ways to decrease your risk for lifestyle related cancers.

1. Vitamin D3 supports your health in many ways. Vitamin D3 is necessary for proper immune function and gut health, but also plays a major role in cancer prevention. There are studies that show a vitamin D3 level of 40 ng/mL is protective against liver and prostate cancers. For breast cancer though, 60 ng/mL has been shown to be protective. Having optimal levels of vitamin D3 can decrease your cancer risk by approximately 80%. Of course, getting vitamin D3 from the sun is the

best way, but for most of us who work indoors a supplement is required daily. Vitamin D3 levels in the range of 60 ng/ml to 80 ng/mL is required for breast cancer protection. I recommend having your vitamin D3 tested annually. Work towards a D3 level of at least 60ng/dl. Also, if you are obese your body will store about half the vitamin D3 in your fat cells. If you are overweight, you will need to ingest higher doses of vitamin D3 to maintain the optimal blood levels.

2. Shedding excess body fat is an effective way to prevent breast and other forms of cancer. Excess body fat is unhealthy, but it also creates an enzyme called aromatase. Aromatase is an enzyme that is required for the production of natural estrogen. Imbalances in the production of estrogen and progesterone have been shown to create toxic conditions that are harmful to your mitochondria (the batteries or energy producers and controller of metabolism within your cells). Damage to your mitochondria from excess or unbalanced estro-

gen over time increases your risk for breast cancer. Intermittent fasting and time restricted eating have been shown to cause cellular autophagy. This is a process of cellular clean up removing free radicals and other things that are harmful along with byproducts of cellular metabolism. Time restricted eating and intermittent fasting through this process help you to shed excess body fat and the toxic substances within your fat. Reducing your intake of processed foods, starchy carbohydrates, baked goods, added sugars, vegetable oils, fried foods, and foods treated with pesticides and herbicides will further aid in shedding excess fat and the mitochondrial damaging toxins.

3. Eating an organic or mostly organic diet will help to eliminate the added and synthetic hormones, along with the herbicides and pesticides that can damage your mitochondria and ultimately increase your risk for breast and other cancers. You can visit www.ewg.org to view The Dirty Dozen and Clean 15 fruits and vegetables. Always wash your fruits and vegetables

prior to eating and cooking. Choosing to eat wild caught fish, organic meats, poultry, and eggs not only eliminate the toxic chemicals from the foods these animals ingest, but also the added hormones. You really can eat your way to prevent cancer and better health.

4. Drinking plenty of filtered water and sweating will help to remove toxins that damage your mitochondria and can increase your risk for cancer. It is recommended you drink half your body weight in ounces daily of filtered water. Drinking coffee and alcohol will dehydrate you. Therefore, if you drink 8oz of coffee, you need to consume an additional 8oz of filtered water. The same is true for alcoholic beverages. I recommend you drink 8oz of filtered water upon waking and 4-8oz every hour through early evening. Sweating through exercise or infrared sauna both have numerous health benefits and are excellent at removing damaging toxins. Thirty min-

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utes or more of sweaty exercise or infrared sauna daily will aid in removing toxins. Exercise also increases your metabolism and will aid in getting rid of the excess fat that can increase your risk for cancer.

You are exposed to 10,000 or more chemicals daily through the air, skin, and foods. What you clean with, put on your skin, and store your food in can increase your risk for developing cancer. Working to eliminate as many of these as possible will help to decrease your cancer risk. There are carcinogenic (cancer causing) chemicals in cleaning products, plastics, hair care, soap, and cosmetics. Things like formaldehyde, phthalates, parabens, synthetic colors and dyes, synthetic fragrances, pesticides, triclosan, triclocarban, propylene glycol, alkylphenols-bisphenol A and S (BPA, BPS), sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium laureth sulfate, benzenes, and many sunscreens. Read labels and be discerning on what you clean with, store and purchase your food in, and what

you put on your skin. Look for sunscreen with zinc oxide and/or use UPF clothing to protect you from sunburn. Store leftovers in glass rather than plastic.

There are things you cannot control that can contribute to developing breast and other forms of cancer, but work on the things you can control. Drink plenty of water, get outside in the sun, take a Vitamin D3 with K2 supplement, exercise regularly, read labels, and eat a clean diet. These will significantly diminish your cancer risk. Remember, it is never too late to make a shift in health.

Dr. Wendy Henrichs of Timber Land Chiropractic provides comprehensive chiropractic care among other services including pregnancy care, pediatric care, post-concussion and sports injuries, FX 635 Laser, Zerona fat loss laser, nutrition counseling and wellness services. Dr. Wendy is a board-certified Chiropractic Pediatrician and Nutrition Counselor. Timber Land Chiropractic is located at 1 E. Courtney St. Rhinelander. More info, 715-362-4852 or www.timberlandchiropractic.com, Instagram @drwendyhenrichs, LinkedIn, and Facebook.

Foundation Awards Grant to Fire Department

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation has awarded the Boulder Junction Volunteer Fire Department a grant in the amount of \$4,500. The grant will purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera.

Thermal imaging cameras, colloquially known as TICs, are a type of thermographic camera used in fire-fighting and rescue applications, allowing firefighters to see through darkness and smoke on the fireground. By rendering infrared radiation as visible light, TICs allow firefighters to see areas of heat through smoke, darkness, or heat-permeable barriers - spotting fires within walls, detecting overheated electrical wiring, locating hot-spots in fire debris, locating materials involved in spontaneous low-level combustions, etc.

Thermal imaging cameras, which can detect the heat signature of visually-obscured victims, are helpful in aiding search-and-rescue operations in hostile environments, including those involving structure fires, helping expedite life-saving rescue operations. TICs are also useful in some outdoor rescue applications as well.

Since its inception in 2010, the Boulder Junction Community Foundation has given more than a half million dollars in grants like this one.




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Standing (L-R) are Treasurer Katherine Maurer, Jesse Moore, EMS Director Daniell Wahlgren, Captain Paul Newberg, Krysta Maurer, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Maurer, Secretary Trish Menzia, Olivia Menzia, Lynn Long, Linda Thayer, Linda Chantry, Marshall Reckard, and Lieutenant Josh Thompson. Sitting (L-R) on Brush One are Linda Novak, Fire Chief Eric Johnson, and Sarah Moore.

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by Karol Wilson



On June 3rd, in Los Angeles, CA, the United States Postal Service issued the Go for Broke: Japanese American Soldiers of WWII Forever stamp in one design, in a pane of 20 stamps. With this commemorative stamp issuance, the Postal Service™ recognizes the contributions of Japanese American soldiers, some 33,000 altogether, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II. The stamp, made to resemble an engraving, was printed in the intaglio print method. The image is based on a photograph taken in 1944, in France, of a member

of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, whose motto was *Go for Broke*. The stamp was designed by art director Antonio Alcalá.

Eagle River's Fireworks Fundraiser

The Eagle River Chamber of Commerce is raising money for the annual *4th of July Fireworks Show* following the *4th of July Party in the Street*. A fundraising goal of \$18,000 was set to replicate previous years' displays and take care of expenses for the show. The annual celebration is held at the Vilas County Fairgrounds.

Contributions as small as \$1 can be made. Sponsorship tiers begin at \$500. The chamber will recognize all sponsors of \$500 or more on *4th*

of *July Fireworks* "Thank You" banners, which can be used to advertise businesses that donate funds.

Anyone who wants to donate can mail a check to the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1917, Eagle River, WI 54521, and make it payable to *Eagle River Fireworks*. For more specific information on how to make donations or any questions regarding the fireworks fundraising campaign, please contact Executive Director Kim Emerson at 800-359-6315.

Phelps Museum Held Open House

The Phelps Historical Museum recently held an *Open House* after the Memorial Day Service. Author Gerd Klausmeyer of the history book, *Images of American: Phelps and Conover*, was at the *Open House* and available to sign the 44 books that were sold. The book is available to purchase at the museum. An estimated 86 guests enjoyed sandwiches, while browsing the history of Phelps. The museum hours are Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 10:00am-2:00pm, and Thursdays, 4:00pm-8:00pm. This year, the museum will also be open during *Music On The Lake* events from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Photo by Sharon Gifford



Young and old are drawn to the model town on display at the Phelps Museum.

Show Us Your Musky

In conjunction with the area musky season, the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce is encouraging anglers to submit a photo of their prized legal catch from the lakes in the Boulder Junction area and, in return, will receive a recognition certificate from the Musky Capital of the World. To submit your photo, simply fill out the form on www.boulderjct.org/show-us-your-musky, include a photo, and we will send out the certificate in the mail. Photos will be shared weekly on Facebook. This is not a contest, and there is no limit to the number of entries per angler. Submissions can be made through the end of October. For more information visit our website or call the chamber at 715-385-2400.

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Northern Waters Museum Opening Soon

The Land O' Lakes Historical Society is pleased to continue with the Northern Waters Museum exhibit on the history of the Gateway complex. The Northern Waters Museum will open on June 24th. Visitors to the museum in 2020 learned about the early years under founder, John King. This summer, we move into the 1960s when Walt Williamson purchased the Gateway.

It was during Williamson's time at the Gateway that a second floor was added, as well as a beautiful glass-topped swimming pool. With this pool and Williamson's support, a swim team was born, in which two of the swimmers became championship swimmers: Wendy Lansbach Boglioli, Olympic gold medalist, and Laurie Lansbach Lehner, Pan American Gold Medalist.

The exhibit will also feature the growth of a first-class, professionally designed golf course. This course is unique in that participants complete the nine holes in both Wisconsin and Michigan.

If you missed this exhibit last year, stop by and view the *King's Gateway* exhibit this year. The museum is open weekly on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 11:00am-3:00pm. For more information, please call the Land O' Lakes Historical Society at 715-547-6979 or email lolhs.6979@gmail.com.

Orchard & Gardens Receive Water Supply

The Land O' Lakes Apple Orchard and Pollinator Garden had a 450 foot underground water connection installed on June 5th. This installation was done by a local plumber, Ed Hintz, and included a spur line to Storybook Garden. Now, all three Land O' Lakes Town Park sites will have a steady supply of water for flowers and trees.

The Town Apple Orchard has 32 apple trees and 4 crabapple trees, all of hardy stock and most either dwarf or semi-dwarf varieties. The Pollinator Garden is approximately 300 square feet of native flowers to attract bees and butterflies to help the pollination of the apple trees.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 2019 awarded a grant to the Town of Land O' Lakes to fund 50% percent of three efforts: the final 12 trees and 12 stakes for the orchard, a storage shed, and an underground water line. Future plans include a mural on all four sides of the shed, depicting bees, butterflies, wild flowers, and apple trees. A local artist, Sharon Molinari, has agreed to volunteer her time to paint the mural.

Interested parties who wish to donate funds for paint supplies for the mural should contact Lynn Bybee at the Town Hall, 715-547-3255. The orchard also



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currently needs a sturdy wagon, a sharp pruning tool, storage bins, a lime dispenser, and a 100 foot long heavy duty water hose.

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NATURAL CONNECTIONS • Two Colors of Warblers

by Emily Stone



Naturalist & Education Director Emily Stone holds Natural History & Geology Degrees from Northland College. Works & writes in Northern WI.

Bee-buzzzzzz. From my parents' deck overlooking their hill-top of restored prairie and ravines of brushy woods in the Driftless Area of northeast Iowa, the buzzy call of a bird cut through the much sweeter cacophony of orioles, grosbeaks, and cardinals.

The quality of the song was strikingly similar to that of the golden-winged warbler I'd heard in Northern Wisconsin just a few days prior, but with only one longer buzzzz at the end instead of a series of buzz-buzz-buzz syllables. I walked closer, and when the bee-buzzzzzz came again, I turned toward the sound and caught just a glimpse of a very yellow bird among the emerging leaves. He flew before I could focus my camera, and buzzed cheekily from out of sight.

Had I spotted this little guy in the Bibon Swamp, I might have exclaimed in dismay instead of delight. Blue-winged warblers are moving north, and have been for several decades. At the same time, golden-winged warblers have disappeared from many places (declining by 68% since 1966), with the southern limit of their range shifting 340 miles to the north. Their northern limit has also shifted—by 500 miles—into places like Minnesota and Manitoba

where they had never been seen before. Where the two birds overlap, they often mate and form hybrids like the Brewster's warbler I spotted last week in the Bibon Swamp.

Some scientists worry that this hybridization may ultimately lead to the demise of the golden-winged warbler as a species. That may well be true, although it's impossible to predict the future. The scientists I talked to all have a pretty philosophical view of the situation.

David Toews, a researcher who compared the genetics of the two species, found that these two members of the *Vermivora* genus share 99.97% of their genes. Even when scientists find a bird that looks completely like one species or the other, the birds' DNA reveals evidence of past hybridization. "They could only have gotten this way by hybridizing for a very long time," he told me. "We like to try and put nature into neat boxes," he added, "but the distinctions between different species are not always neat and tidy."

Since both warblers tend to use brushy habitats such as alder swamps and regenerating aspen stands, there doesn't seem to be a way to prevent the blue-winged warblers from encroaching on their northern cousins if it suits them. "The notion that somehow we're going to stop them from hybridizing is not within the realm of reality," Toews added. That might be ok. He thinks we can take a nuanced view and appreciate this "cool evolutionary thing happening in our own backyard."

Don't get me wrong, these birds are in dire need of our help, but trying to stop hybridization probably isn't the answer. What we should do, added Amber Roth, a professor at the University of Maine and co-chair of the Golden-winged Warbler Working Group, is make sure that we manage habitat for the entire *Vermivora* species complex—which includes golden-winged warblers, blue-winged warblers, and all of their hybrids.

As with most species, habitat loss is a critical cause of their decline. Beaver meadows used to provide key habitat, before we trapped them for fur. Wildfires used to create a patchwork of shrubby habitats among larger forests, before we started putting fires out as fast as possible. Even settlers clearing forest openings for farming—and then abandoning them again—in the late 1800s and again in the 1930s was good for the birds, until those openings closed in again. (Those clearings may also have been what brought the two warblers into contact and started this most recent round of increased hybridization.)

Although it often feels unsightly, allowing more aspen clear-cuts within a dynamic, forested landscape could be beneficial for both colors of warblers. Just as essential is making sure that housing developments don't encroach on important habitat, refraining from draining wetlands, and allowing beavers to do what they do best.

Protecting the warblers' winter habitat in Central and South America is also critical. While there's an

alliance focused on just that, you can help by choosing bird-friendly coffee, which promotes agricultural practices that really do help birds.

Of course, no amount of habitat conservation will be enough if we don't get climate change under control. Models predict that with a 2°C increase in temperature, much of the winter habitat in Central America will become unsuitable, and golden-winged warblers will be extirpated from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and much of their current range.

Although hybridization with the blue-winged warbler is often listed as one of the many threats to the long-term survival of golden-winged warblers, it may also provide some hope, at least for the *Vermivora* genus as a whole. Tom Will, now retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, thinks that gene sharing among the two species may allow the best adaptations to surface, and provide a buffer against environmental change. He



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Blue-winged warblers are moving north and encroaching on the habitat of golden-winged warblers.

concluded our interview by advising us all to "Enjoy evolution, admire its processes, and keep birds—all birds—on the landscape!"

You can discover much more about Emily Stone and her point of view through *Natural Connections* online at cablemuseumnaturalconnections.blogspot.com. For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum is closed, but our *Mysteries of the Night* exhibit is available online. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and cablemuseum.org to keep track of our latest adventures in learning.

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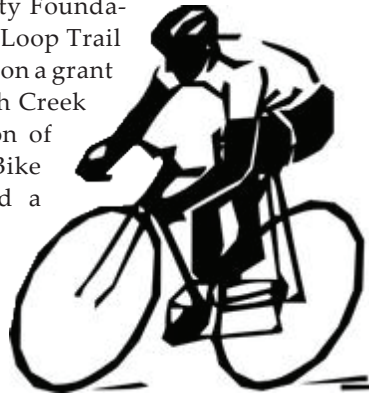
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North Creek Loop Trail Receives Expansion Grant

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation has awarded the North Creek Loop Trail Committee/Town of Boulder Junction a grant in the amount of \$5,000. The North Creek Loop Trail Project is an expansion of the Heart of Vilas County Paved Bike Trail System, recently designated a National Recreation Trail.



The project, managed by the Town of Boulder Junction, will add approximately 3.3 miles of paved trail, complete the 14-mile North Creek Loop Trail, and connect to the Heart of Vilas County Paved Bike Trail System. The new trail will run from Hwy H and Hwy K, along the east side of Hwy H, going south to North Creek Road. Trail users will then be able to continue down the newly paved North Creek Road to access the existing trail along Hwy M, toward downtown Boulder Junction. It will connect two state forest campgrounds and one private campground, providing a safe way for campers, visitors, and residents to come into town by bicycle.

The Boulder Junction Community Foundation is proud to act as the fiduciary for the North Creek Loop Trail. Fundraising for Phase 1 of the project is almost complete, and the North Creek Loop Trail Committee will begin fundraising for Phase 2 later this month. To donate, go to <https://boulderjunctioncf.networkforgood.com/>. Select the *North Creek Loop Trail Fund*, or donations may be mailed to Boulder Junction Community Foundation, Inc. PO Box 675, Boulder Junction, WI 54512.

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Lions Club Announces Modified Cash Raffle

Tickets are on sale now for the Boulder Junction Lions Club 25th annual *Modified Cash Raffle*. Tickets cost \$20 each and sales are limited to 500 tickets. The event will be held on Saturday, August 28th, from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the Lions Pavilion at the Boulder Junction

Community Center with plenty of space to social distance. There will be two \$1,000 Grand Prize winners, one \$750, two \$500, one \$250, two \$75, six \$50, and six \$25 prize winners. All ticket purchasers and their families can enjoy free brats and refreshments starting at 5:00pm with

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For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did not wholly follow the Lord, as David his father had done. (1 Kings 11:4-6 ESV)

Yes, you read that text correctly! Solomon, who had pleased God with his request for wisdom, later in his life turned away from the Lord. We might ask ourselves the question: How did a man like Solomon, who had been so profusely blessed by God, fall away? First off, it should be understood that the Kings of Israel were discouraged from having many wives. The concern was, and as this account proves, that the many wives which Solomon had influenced his heart. "And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away." (Deuteronomy 17:17a) These were women who worshiped false gods, and Solomon not only married many

foreign women, he worshiped along with them as well. (1 Kings 11:4-11) He abandoned God's clear command and allowed himself to be influenced by false gods. Solomon, for all of his wisdom and accomplishments, was "half hearted" in his love for the Lord. His heart was not wholly true to the Lord his God. (1 Kings 11:4,6) That was the bottom line. Simply put, Solomon loved other things more than cherishing God's gracious commands. At this point, I want to speak with you who declare yourselves Christians, you worship God half-heartedly, to our own peril. Now then, before we begin to pass judgment on Solomon, we ought to humbly request that the Lord would search our hearts and reveal to us whether or not we are following after him with a whole heart. This is the fact of the matter; anyone of us at any time are capable of making decisions which are contrary to the Lord. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian Church, "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let

you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:12-13) Paul was writing to the Corinthians to discourage them from idolatry and being influenced by the pervasive culture. He goes on to say simply, that in times past, those who had experienced God's provision and grace have fallen out of the way and become half-hearted in their affections for the Lord. Paul warns us never to think that we are beyond the grip of temptation. We must understand that the temptations that are found in society, which is saturated in, are common, and any of us could fall prey to them. We must guard our hearts humbly so as to walk before the Lord in obedience, pleasing Him. We must not presume upon God's past blessings, nor should we think that we are able to keep ourselves from temptation apart from the transforming all sufficient grace of Jesus Christ. *The Lord be with you, Pastor Frank Puffer. You may contact Pastor Frank at 715-547-3183 or Pastorpuffer@gmail.com.*

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The North and South Twin Lakes Riparian Association (NSTLRA) will hold their annual *Poker Run By Boat* on Saturday, July 10th, starting at 1:00pm. There is an entry fee of \$10 per person. Arrive at Peplow pier south of Lakota Boat Landing on North Twin between 1:00pm-2:30pm to register. Receive a map, tally sheet, and first card before continuing on to the other six docks. There will be snacks, drinks, or games at each pier for your enjoyment. Winners will be announced at Dublin's Sports Bar shortly after 5:00pm, and prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd highest poker hands. Food and drinks will be available for purchasing, as well as lake attire/merchandise. For more information, you may contact Amy at 630-217-2102.

Land O' Lakes Library News

It's time for the Land O' Lakes Library Summer Reading Program! The program will run through Saturday, August 14th. Children of all ages are invited to register. Rewards will be given for checking in at the library and for completing activities. Weekly take-away craft kits will be available throughout the nine weeks of the program.

Games and activities will be set up on the library's front lawn whenever the library is open, weather permitting. A series of book walks will be set up throughout the summer, and literacy games will be added sporadically. Stop by and enjoy the great outdoors in the library's garden.

A menu of deliciously fun activities will be available for on-site use. These include a variety of crafts, bubbles, chalk, Matchbox car track set, and more. The menu will vary as COVID restrictions change. Initially, the activities will be for use outdoors, with the plan that indoor choices will be available soon.

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you to display and sell your "Northwoods" themed and other hand-made arts and crafts at the shows. Held rain or shine in downtown Eagle River from 10:00am-4:00pm, there is expected to be over 2,000 people to attend each craft show.

For more information on how to participate in the shows, please call Events Coordinator Michelle Williams at 715-479-6400 or 800-359-6315, email events@eagleriver.org, or visit www.eagleriver.org/featured/eagle-river-craft-shows/.

ER Library & NPSD Students Honor Contributors

Good things are still happening – even in the midst of a pandemic. Despite remote learning, curbside service, and other

unexpected circumstances, the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library (WEOML) Foundation was able to continue to work

with the Northland Pines High School's Eagle Manufacturing Program to complete a major project. With the direction of Teacher Tim Lehman, the organizational support of Eagle Manufacturing's Office Manager Natalie Fluegel, and the hard work of several classes of Northland Pines students, the student-based enterprise worked closely with foundation members to create four large, engraved plaques honoring the community members who contributed to the new library building.

The renovated and expanded Walter E. Olson Memorial Library was completed in late 2017 with the whole process funded entirely through donations, without a single tax dollar going into the renovation. Librarian Sara Klemann was thrilled to receive and install the new donor plaques. They are a welcome addition and a reminder of the generosity of our library community. You can learn more about the WEOML Foundation at olsonlibrary.org/support and Eagle Manufacturing at eaglemgf2019.wixsite.com/eaglemanufacturing.



Photo provided by Olson Library

NPSD Teacher Tim Lehman, Eagle Manufacturing Students Ethan Sites-Parker and Lizzy Gauthier, Library Director Sara Klemann, and Nancy Schuller with the WEOML Foundation stand by the finished engraved plaques.

Kindergarten Class Advances

Phelps Kindergarten Graduation for the class of 2033 was held recently in the Phelps School Commons area. Eleven students graduated, under the direction of Leslie Miles. Miles started the ceremony with the welcome, following with the students dancing to the *Dynamite Song*. The commencement address and iMovie of class memories were created by Miles. She then presented the graduation certificates. The students finished with the song *Sunshine In My Pocket*. The Phelps Parents Association provided cake.



Class photos by Sharon Gifford

(L-R) Wayne Stapleton, Aletheia Vetter, Hunter Ramirez, Maddix Robbins, Ariyah Ivaska, Bentley LaPalm-Steele, Annmarie Paremski, Claire Smith, Lillian Racine, and Rylie Kerins. Missing Mariah Grant.

Twelve Phelps Seniors Graduate

Recently, twelve seniors graduated from the Phelps School District. Abigail Cornella opened with the welcome address, Jordyn Franzen gave the graduate address, followed by teacher Michelle Santy giving the commencement address. Jason Pertile introduced the Class of 2021 and presented diplomas. Hunter Meistad was the class valedictorian, and Jordyn Franzen was salutatorian. The class of 2021 iMovie created by Jordyn Franzen was shown just before Zoey Yanda gave the farewell to fellow graduates.



Front (L-R): Payton Hawkin, Carissa Suri, Charity Suri, Zoey Yanda, Jordyn Franzen, Abigail Cornella. Back: Brooke Anderson, Cody Buell, Samuel Capodarco, Hunter Meistad, Michael Sampolinski, Xiao Moutvic.

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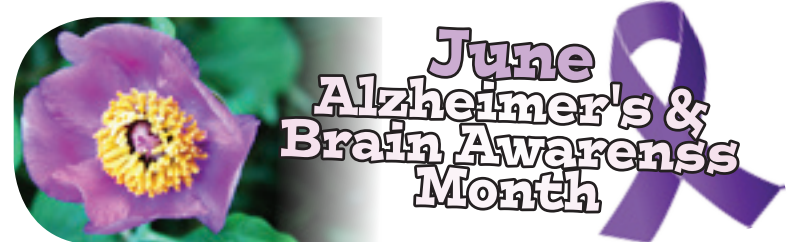
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Tulip's location in the June 3rd issue was Fayette Historic State Park & Harbor, Michigan, USA

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