

Submitted photo. Owner/Operator Lacy Lueth at The Cranberry on Superior



Contributed photos. Pictured on left: Elizabeth Macky and Alan Nelson, current owners of Omer Nelson Electric, proudly celebrating 72 years in business. Pictured on right is Omer Nelson, founder of ONE. Pictured in the spring of 1942 when he was employed as an electrician by Manley Electric, 10 years prior to buying the business and growing it to the Omer Nelson Electric we all know today.

Omer Nelson Electric proudly celebrates 72 years in business

Keeping it all in the family and on their founding principles for three generations

Article by Dana Wizezorek

A neat aspect of our community here in northern Wisconsin is the number of businesses that have been around for decades, owned by one family, kept through the generations, and the founding principles of the business remains intact. For 72 years, Omer Nelson Electric has been serving our community with electrical supplies, electrical contracting services, and the latest technology.

Omer Nelson, founder of Omer Nelson Electric (ONE), worked as an electrician for Manley Electric. He worked side-by-side with Felix Meierotto for Manely. In 1952, Omer made the decision to

purchase Manely Electric. They continued to work together in the founding days of ONE in which they sold wire and worked on neon in the beginning days.

"The beginnings of the company were humble," said Elizabeth Mackey, one of the current owners, and Omer's granddaughter.

When Omer purchased the business, he was working out of his home on 9th avenue west in Ashland, then they moved to a new location on Ellis Ave in the 1960's. In the 1970's Omer then purchased the building, where the business is today at 316 Main Street East, which at the time was a carwash.

Omer eventually moved the entire business to this location and added onto the building to serve their customers even better. The business continued to grow, and they have stayed true to their beginning principles and traditions.

Omer's four sons, Alan, Gerry, Bruce, and Mark had all worked for their dad and were key to the success of the family business.

"Our roots have always been exemplary electrical contracting, which is an incredibly important tradition to carry on for us. Beyond that, wire and electrical parts sales

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The Cranberry Over Superior

Bringing a new dining experience to the western coast

Article by Parker Sterling

Adding a star to the constellation of new and growing businesses on the western coast is yet another woman-owned business in Herbster, the restaurant "The Cranberry Over Superior." "The restaurant was named The Cranberry Inn years ago when I first started visiting the area as a kid," Lueth says with a nod to her restaurant's name. "It's also named that because it is located right on the Cranberry River where it dumps into Lake Superior," Lueth continues and adds, "The 'over' part came from that it's not right 'on' the lake but sits up a bit overlooking it."

The idea and inspiration to create the restaurant came during the Covid-19 lockdown, Lueth recalls. "I started looking for a bar/restaurant in the area during the shutdown from Covid. I had lots of time on my hands owning a restaurant, food truck and running a 500 person event center in New Ulm, MN," Lueth remembers, "because a lot of our events were canceled and the restaurant was take-out only." Like other innovators and entrepreneurs who reemerged from the shutdown, Lueth used the time to plan and prepare. "I spent a lot of time at our family cabin during this time. I made the [Cranberry's previous] owners the offer around March of 2021 and bought the building in October of 2021." After a long closing process that allowed her to honor her contracts in New Ulm with planned wedding

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Coffee with Garrett and the A.D.

Oredockers delve into WIAA's competitive balance

Article by Garrett Greenwald

Some Wisconsin high schools call it punishment for their successful sports programs. Some see it as progress against the state's private schools.

Either way, the WIAA has gone forward with its competitive balance initiative. In this month's chat with Ashland Athletic Director Brian Miller, we'll talk about how competitive balance affects the sports programs at AHS.

The initiative has been in the works for nearly a decade in an attempt to level the playing field in the various sports. Using a points system, the WIAA can move teams up a division after continued success in a three-year period. Teams can also petition to move down a

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Contributed photo. Helping P.A.W.S. Pet Rescue volunteer and Board Member Valerie Damstra, donates her time and shares her enthusiasm to help animals in need.

Since 2006, P.A.W.S. Pet Rescue in Washburn has continued to rise to the call

Article by Parker Sterling

We see their pictures in the newspapers, on social media, on posters – the sweet faces of pet companions looking for "their forever home." Some of us donate. Some of us adopt. Some of us volunteer. But the need is persistent. So some rise up to help on a larger level. One responded to that greater need to help the area's abandoned and surrendered pets is Dr. Gretchen Gerber who started Helping Paws Pet Rescue in Washburn in 2006.

Volunteer and Helping Paws Pet Rescue board member Valerie Damstra says that Dr. Gerber started the rescue because she did not agree with the shelter practice of euthanization "except out of medical necessity" and because she "wanted to offer an alternative."

Damstra adds that Dr. Gerber "felt no adoptable companion animal should be euthanized for lack of medical care and a good home, so Helping Paws began with offering medical and surgical care at cost for animals that wouldn't be admitted to traditional rescues because of their health."

With this foundational approach, Helping Paws evolved into an organization that Damstra says is able to provide "high quality adoptions and an affordable spay and neuter program." The organization also grew from its initial location behind Dr. Gerber's former veterinary practice to down the street where it currently resides at 126 West Bayfield Street in Washburn. Damstra says that the newer lo-

cation offers "a larger space that allows us to house more cats and has the dedicated room and equipment to do spay/neuter surgeries in-house." She adds that "Dr. Gerber remains involved and serves as our primary veterinarian and medical consultant." Damstra notes that while the Helping Paws shelter "only houses cats, Helping Paws also takes responsibility for other domestic animals like dogs, mice, rabbits, birds, etc. We work with a network of dedicated volunteers to foster these animals until they can be adopted into quality, permanent homes."

So what sets Helping Paws apart?

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Photo by Ed Monroe. Our Lady of the Lake students with the 120 blankets they made through their Lenten Service Project.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School students Created and donated 120 blankets for the New Day Shelter

Article by Karen Eaton

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School in Ashland, WI takes to heart that the time of Lent is preparation for the joy of Easter. Lent is a special time of focusing on Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving.

On February 14th, 2024 (Ash Wednesday), the students and staff of O.L.L. joined the Catholic Order of Foresters #2506 in our latest Youth Service Project.

After speaking to representatives of the Ashland New Day Advocacy Center, Mary Weaver, Second grade Teacher shared with other staff members that people in our community were in need of new socks and warm blankets. The goal was to teach students how the love of Christ is to be shared with others. Teachers, parents, and parishioners united in this Almsgiving effort. Fleece material was found online. Students were asked

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Publisher's Corner

By Dana Wiezorek

We knew old man winter would show up eventually, even if we had to wait until it was officially spring. Although, I do have to say it was so pretty seeing the white of winter again, it was a sight I definately missed.



In this month's issue there are so many wonderful stories, events, and columns we are so fortunate to share with our readers. Thank you to all who have contributed this month, it is pretty exciting and I hope you enjoy!

Our May issue will be out May 15th - June 11th, with the ad and article deadline being May 3rd.

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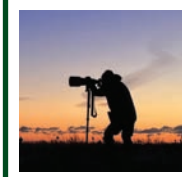
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Northwoods Photos

By Robert Hilbert



This Bald Eagle dove on the eagle below him and took his food!



An Otter thinking that he's going to have a clam dinner

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have been something the business started out with in the beginning years, and we have continued that. When electricians from other parts of the state come in and are impressed by our inventory and prices that sometimes beat their own distributors back home, that's a real sense of pride for us. The goal is to be in the ballpark or even beating the big box stores. We know small businesses can often times get a bad rap for being more expensive, so we try to avoid that as much as we possibly can. We want to be ultra-competitive, serving our community with the best prices we can give them.," explained Macky.

Throughout the decades they had worked on some pretty iconic places in the area. Which included

putting up the sign on the Knight Hotel and installing a new scoreboard at Weikal Field just to name a few. Omer had also donated his time and supplies to install the dusk to dawn lighting at the bandshell in Ashland, which was in response to the city's centennial birthday wish list.

To this day they continue with their hard work as a business, serving their customers, and as a family working side by side.

"I love to get to know our customers well and develop friendships with them, that's one of the most enjoyable parts for me," said Alan Nelson, one of Omer's sons and current owner.

"I'm grateful we get to see each other every day, that I get to work with my family. Family dinners are sometimes more like business meetings, but you get used to that. I also love to be a peripheral part of big electrical projects (I'm in the office while our electricians are out in the field). Watching the Opera House, for instance, get transformed into something beautiful and getting to be a small part of it, that's so exciting! That's historical, and we're really proud to be in-

involved," said Macky.

Throughout the years new products came out that were available to the public, and Omer Nelson Electric was right there to carry the latest and the greatest. Think back to when the first personal computers were being sold, and when new "high tech" devices were created, this was mind blowing back in the 1980's.

In 1986, Omer's sons Alan, Bruce, Mark and Gerry had all decided to purchase the Radio Shack franchise. Now they could offer more than just electrical supplies to their customers and expand into electronics.

"My dad and uncles were not afraid to try new things and keep changing with the times. Gerry would work out on big jobs, managing a whole crew of guys, and then

come back to the shop and sell Tandy computers and cell phones. None of the brothers were intimidated to try new things and embraced new technologies as they

came out. We have to keep up with the times, and we're always looking for new ways to do that," said Macky.

Staying true to her roots that her grandfather set for the business, Macky said, "Rising insurance costs are something that keeps me awake at night. Omer, my dad, and uncles have had a certain way of doing business since the start, which has been ingrained to me; you take care of people. You provide a livable wage, you provide the best benefits you can, even when it's hard. Our staff is outstanding, everyone is a subject matter expert in a certain aspect of the business, and they deserve the best from us in return."

From the start of the business to today, ONE continues to offer a wide variety of products and services for their customers.

"I always say we have five businesses under one roof: electrical contracting, electrical supplies (wire, lighting, breakers, conduit,

etc), Verizon Authorized Retailer, computer sales and repair, and electronics," said Macky.

"We have an extremely large inventory and great prices. And I always want people to know that our staff is wonderful, you couldn't ask for better problem solvers," said Nelson.

ONE is looking forward to serving their customers well into the future with grateful hearts.

"Our community and customers are amazing. We get to interact with the kindest folks and we're grateful that we can continue to do what we've been doing for 72 years. I'm grateful to my grandfather, uncles, and dad for being such visionaries. Can you imagine Ger-

ry's thought process in 1992 when he decided that cell phone sales would be a great fit for our company? No one else was doing that here- not one retailer. We were the first because Gerry had the guts to try something completely new and educate himself on brand new technology. Or my dad having the foresight to purchase the RadioShack franchise in 1986, moving away from just electrical supplies and expanding into electronics. The same thing happened when he decided to buy into our United Hardware Co-Op so we could expand our hardware/electrical offerings. These were huge, scary, and expensive decisions and they went for it. I hope I have the vision and the guts to continue what they start-



Contributed photo. Pictured left to right Rich Dahl, Paul Bergquist, Alan Nelson, Omer Nelson, Joe Stadler, and Gerry Nelson.



Contributed photo. Gerry Nelson pictured with the Tandy computers he would sell while running huge construction sites simultaneously.

ed. We have absolutely no plans of stopping. I need to make them all proud! We're grateful we're still here, that our future looks incredibly bright, and we get to interact with wonderful people every single day. What else can you say but thank you from the bottom of our hearts?" said Macky.

"Thank you for supporting us all these years. We're very lucky to have such nice, smart customers that keep coming back to us. We never take that for granted," said Nelson.

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events, Lueth took possession of what would become The Cranberry Over Superior in late 2021. "When I bought the building in October, we started cleaning it up, remodeling, adding a new kitchen, outdoor wrap-around deck and dining area. We opened in February of 2022. I still owned my restaurant in New Ulm while I was working on this," Lueth shares.

To get the doors opened at The Cranberry Over Superior, Lueth says that there was a lot of work but she also received a lot of help and encouragement. "There was lots of excitement about it changing hands. Lots of folks stopped in to welcome me to Herbster. I had invited a few friends up that first weekend to help, and I had intended to open the next weekend. Little did I know we opened a can of worms that weekend and ended up spending the next three months remodeling. I am still working on projects today!" she laughs.

Lueth says that the journey of reimagining and remodeling The Cranberry Over Superior continues today. "We have added an addition to the kitchen this past fall. I also bought a very old building that had been added on to over the years, so we found some interesting surprises as we worked on things." In addition to surprising physical discoveries, Lueth has made some personal discoveries along the way: "I remember mix-

ing and shoveling concrete one day thinking to myself I wasn't made to do this. I cook for a living, but it has been a fun story to tell how the space has transformed along with the menu." Lueth enthuses, "I love it when folks stop by and tell me about how their cousin used to work there, or what it looked like in the 50's, or how long it's been since they've stopped in and then they get to see all of the changes. Makes me feel like all of the chaos of getting it up and going (and almost selling it again during this) was worth it!"

As a food truck operator and owner, a caterer, a chef, and more, Lueth brings 26 years of diverse real-life hospitality experience. "I sold my food truck, catering business, and brick and mortar restaurant in September of 2022, almost one year after buying The Cranberry," Lueth shares and adds that "the stress of driving back and forth 300 miles from one job to another was getting to me." Lueth wisely points out that "restaurants are hectic creatures." She continues, "I needed to have my hands in everything or it wasn't going to work. I knew with the growth and popularity the Cranberry was getting I needed to focus on it to survive. I sold my restaurant of 15 years to focus on my future in Wisconsin," Lueth says and adds "I still commute back and forth weekly as I have a daughter who is in school in New Ulm, MN."

When asked why she chose an

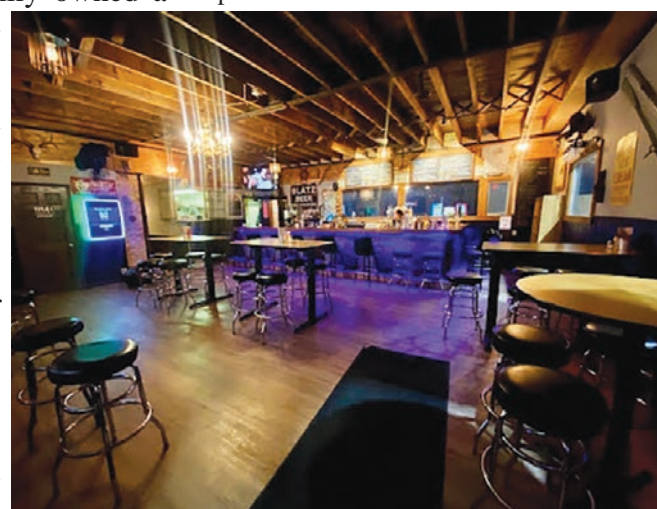
Herbster location, Lueth enthusiastically responds, "Why not?" and notes that The Cranberry Over Superior is "the only bar/restaurant that I knew of with a view of the lake like I have stretching from the Duluth/Superior area all the way to Bayfield. When you sit at the bar you can see right out the windows to the lake." Lueth goes on to capture the sensory experience of dining outdoors at her restaurant – and the advantages. "When I sit on the deck at night I can hear the waves crashing on the shore. When it gets too hot in the summer, I can walk a block or so down to the lake and jump in!" But when choosing Herbster, Lueth ultimately returns to her childhood memories. "I've been coming to the area since I was 12 years old My family owned a cabin outside of Port Wing on the lake. I love to snowmobile, ATV, kayak, swim and explore the South Shore area and Lake Superior. It has been a place I have always loved. I wanted to move here right out of culinary school, but I wasn't ready yet," she shares.

That wonderful sensory experience and proximity to Lake Superior have drawn in new and returning customers to The Cranberry Over Superior. Lueth says that the restaurant is "definitely a place for locals and tourists alike. We are snuggled right between the beachy, touristy town of Cornucopia and the rural, local-friendly town of Port Wing. Our customer base is a mix of both of these towns I feel like," she shares. While the location is part of the restaurant's formula for success, Lueth notes that the dining experience is also part of why customers seek out and return to her restaurant. "People have really spoken to our quality of food, creative weekly specials, consistent, year round hours, and of course the awesome team we have built over the years that helps to make what The Cranberry is so special. We attract a hard working, honest, kind bunch of folk that really love what they do."

To meet the restaurant's growing popularity and to "increase efficiencies," Lueth expanded the kitchen and added more outdoor seating. And she replaced the restaurant's



Submitted photo. Spotted Cow battered cheese curds served at The Cranberry Over Superior.



Submitted photo. The dining room at The Cranberry Over Superior.

refrigeration system. "There's always more to do!" she enthuses. But Lueth also returns back to the wisdom that keeps her balanced and positive, wisdom she believes its important for anyone running a business to remember: "Don't kill yourself trying to make something happen. It'll happen when it needs to."

For the future, Lueth shares that she would love to continue growing and improving The Cranberry Over Superior. "I'd love to continue to expand. My future plans are to keep working on the dining area, the HVAC system, and of course, keeping the menu updated and fresh. We're hoping to do our first large outdoor event this season and have live music, outdoor food, and a few seafood boils this summer."

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Damstra notes a number of distinctions. "Helping Paws is unique because we not only care for young, healthy homeless pets but also surrendered animals. Sometimes these are animals with special medical or behavioral needs who are not likely to be admitted to more traditional rescues, or even euthanized, because of their issues. We often receive animals from hoarding situations or 'puppy mills.' For these animals, Helping Paws is often viewed as their last chance. But a core part of what we do, with the dedication from the volunteers, is to give these animals a great deal of love and care to ready them for being in a loving home."

Damstra also points to a Helping Paws program that distinguishes the rescue. "I think another unique service we provide is with C.A.T., our 'Cat Action Team.' The C.A.T. was designed specifically to spay/neuter local colonies of feral cats, or 'community cats.' This work helps preserve the lives and health of wildlife, improves community cats' welfare, and solves community problems caused by un-owned cat populations. We have trained volunteers that are part of the C.A.T. and have traveled as far as 4-5 hours away to service those communities to control local cat populations."

Though Helping Paws Pet Rescue primarily serves the areas of Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield, and much of Northwestern Wisconsin, Damastra notes that the organization's reach can extend far beyond this. "Several adopters have come from the Duluth area and northern Minnesota, and our volunteers have traveled as far as a four-hour radius to pick up cats for spaying and neutering." And that reach and commitment has made a significant difference in the communities Helping Paws has served. "Over the last four years, we've averaged 260 animals adopted per year. In 2023 we had our largest adoption year for cats, adopting out 337 cats," Damastra notes.

However, challenges come with that level of outreach and success. "Volunteer recruitment and retention is our biggest challenge given that we're 100% volunteer-run. Not paying staff allows us to use all of our funding to care for the animals but that can be challenging when people have busy lives, go out of town, or just need to take

a break," she shares. In addition to finding and keeping good, dedicated volunteers, Damstra recognizes some of the other obstacles the organization faces. "Limited funding is also a challenge, like for many non-profits. We rely on private monetary donations, as well as donations of food and supplies." She continues, "We also receive grants that we are awarded through a competitive process." Not surprisingly, Damstra identifies Helping Paws' biggest needs as "More volunteers, sustained and recurring funding from donors, and future affordable veterinary care." She continues, "We currently have a wonderful consulting veterinarian, so we are fortunate but many rescues struggle with finding care that is affordable and timely."

So how can people help Helping Paws and the communities it serves? "There is so much people can do!" Damstra enthuses and continues, "First, adopt a pet! We have so many loving cats that are ready for homes. If people aren't ready for a full commitment, then fostering is a great way to help. Getting cats used to a home environment helps them be that much more ready to settle into a permanent home. We also can always use more volunteers to help at the shelter. People can volunteer for whatever is best for their schedule. There are two shifts daily (morning and evening), so there is something that can work with most people's schedules. Even one shift per month is a great help! We also take donations for shelter supplies like cat food, wood pellet litter, cat toys, and old clothing, towels and blankets that we use to line kennels and make comfy beds. And finally, we always appreciate financial contributions as well to keep our operations going. Donations can be made via PayPal at our website."

And what has Damstra learned in her time as an adopter, pet foster mom, volunteer, and board member? "In my time with Helping Paws, I have seen dozens of animals that have come in sick, battered, and scared. Initially it would be easy to dismiss these animals and just put them down. But with some medical attention, socialization, and a little patience and love, they changed before our eyes and became great adoptable pets." Damstra shares some other experiential wisdom. "The other thing I would say is that it's natural for people gravitate towards adopting kittens - who

wouldn't? They are adorable! But there are many adult and senior cats that need loving homes as well. We spend a lot of time with the cats in the shelter and get to know their personalities, so that helps us make a match with the right home. Facilitating adoption days where the pets get to go to their new homes



Contributed photo. Helping P.A.W.S. volunteer Kim Suske helping to share a kitten for some snuggles.

is amazing and one of my favorite things to do as a volunteer. It's bittersweet saying goodbye when you've spent sometimes weeks or months with certain animals, but to see the joy that people have when getting a new pet is wonderful." And Damstra recognizes the big journey of these pets from surrender and abandonment to adoption into a loving family. "These are animals that have a rough start in life but ultimately have a great quality of life and the ability to offer wonderful companionship to the right humans."

What hopes does Damstra's share for the future of Helping Paws? "Our hope is that we are no longer needed! But the work never seems to be done as the animals just keep coming. There is a great need, particularly for lower cost yet high quality spay/neuter surgeries." She continues, "Unfortunately it's not likely that this need will go away any time soon so having at least one paid staff person to oversee volunteers and the overall management of the facility would be wonderful. And owning our own facility would be great too, as we currently rent the shelter space we're in."

This year, community members will have some other opportunities to support Helping Paws as well. "We hope to hold a couple

of fundraisers this year, but plans are still in the works. We will be at the Chequamegon Food Co-Op a couple of weekends in July to participate in their Round for Partners donation program. And we anticipate being at Brownstone Days in Washburn this summer as we have in the past," Damstra says. She also encourages people to engage with the organization on social media. "We have a pretty active Facebook page for seeing the latest adoptable cats," she enthuses and continues, "And to get the latest news of what Helping Paws is up to. Be sure to like us!"

For More Information: Helping Paws Pet Rescue is located at 126 W. Bayfield Street in Washburn. To learn more about Helping Paws Pet Rescue, how to become a volunteer, or the adoption process, please call (715) 513-6106 or email info@helpingpawswi.org Even more information can also be found on the web at <https://helpingpawswi.org/> or at <https://www.facebook.com/HelpingPawsWashburn>

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OLL project cont. from front page



Photo by Ed Monroe. Blessing of the blankets that took place on March 21, 2024.

to do chores to earn 10 cents per day to help defray the cost of the material. This was to teach them the importance of both the goodness of making sacrifices for others as Jesus sacrificed His Life for all of us, and gratitude for our many blessings.

He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Once the material arrived, hours were spent cutting fabric to get ready for the tying process. Staff worked with older students to teach them how to make the blankets. The older children then became mentors and guides in assisting their younger Mass Buddies in the making of blankets. The hope was that the blankets would give both warmth and comfort to those ex-

periencing struggles in their day to day lives. Beautifully handmade blankets were also donated by Catholic Order of Forester members and other parishioners.

At the same time, students in preschool through eighth grade enthusiastically collected new socks for people of all ages. At the conclusion of our service project, approximately 120 blankets had been made and donated along with three wicker baskets of socks. Students, staff, and community members gathered together at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church on March 18th where Fr. Jerome D'Souza blessed the gifts to be shared throughout the community. He thanked the students and all involved for their acts of kindness and concentration on Lenten Almsgiving.

2024 Class of the Ashland Oredocker Hall of Fame

Submitted article

The School District of Ashland has released the 2024 inductees into the Ashland Oredocker Hall of Fame. The School District of Ashland values the achievement of its athletes, coaches, and community members. The purpose of the Ashland Oredocker Hall of Fame is to provide a lasting memory of the outstanding achievements of these individuals. The public display of their accomplishments serves to advance the tradition and excellence of Oredocker achievement.

Marty Ketchem Pendarvis - class of 1976. Marty was a trailblazer in women's athletics during her high school career as an Oredocker. Opportunity for female sports at this time was neither abundant nor hailed. Title IX had recently passed and high school sports for girls was in its infancy. Conferences and state associations were only starting to sanction high school sports, events, and tournaments for females. Marty was one of the first to make a difference in women's athletics in Ashland.

She excelled in basketball, track, volleyball, and softball. Playing four sports in the mid-1970s for a female or male was rare. One of her coaches noted, "She brought with her an abundance of natural ability and raw talent, fostered by practice in local parks and backyards, not in youth camps, feeder programs, or traveling teams".

Her current passion is golf and volunteering with notable charities. Marty is an engaged, vibrant, and dedicated benefactor for causes close to her heart. After graduating from high school she attended school in Madison and moved to San Diego in 1982, but her Midwestern values remain.

Marty loves sports. An avid golfer, she served on the board of Pro Kids — the First Tee of San Diego,

whose mission is to teach kids life lessons through the game of golf. Beyond her position as a Board Member, she spends time with the kids on—and off—the course. At La Jolla Country Club, she's a 3-time ladies' club champion and past president of the Women's Golf Association. She is a Centurion member for The Century Club, organizing San Diego's annual PGA tour tournament, and creating programs that benefit the local military community, schools, and charities. You can often find Marty walking or running, and her New York Marathon time qualified for a berth in the Boston Marathon. She is an ambassador for the Challenged Athlete Foundation, which gives individuals with physical challenges access to sports.

As a cancer survivor, Marty's passion has steered major fundraising for Scripps Clinic Cancer Center and Stevens Cancer Center. She champions children as past chair of Walden Family Services' Wine D'Vine gala and was a Co-Founder of KIDS Aid Auxiliary for San Diego Center for Children, and countless other causes. She served as the Chair of Hula-la, the 2000 Las Patronas Jewel Ball, one of San Diego's most esteemed charitable events.

Marty and her husband Dave live in the San Diego area.

David Kontny - class of 1979. David was a mainstay for the strong Oredocker teams of the late 1970's. David earned four letters in baseball for Coach Fran Hicks, pitching, playing center field and leading off. He was the Danny Jo Nemeck Memorial Award winner for the top senior baseball player in Ashland. His baseball teams won 3 conference championships

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division due to various circumstances, something Miller did for boys and girls basketball and boys hockey, to mixed results.

“With the (500+) schools in the (WIAA) membership, there began to be a concern over the lack of representation at the higher tournament levels of the smaller public schools and a lot of those sectional finals and state semifinals and state championships were being taken over by private schools,” Miller said. “That was really where it began. So there was discussion that started along the membership, ‘How do we level the playing field a little bit for everybody?’ The first ad-hoc committee was formed maybe nine years ago. They did a lot of work, but it didn’t get advanced at the annual meeting.

“The conversation continued, and about two years ago the WIAA resurrected another ad-hoc committee (consisting of) ADs, superintendents, principals. They studied other competitive balance situations in other states around the country, kind of looked at what worked and what didn’t and settled on a plan of a success factor or a request to move down a level. You accumulate points over a three-year period based on a sectional semifinal, a sectional championship and a state championship. They’re worth so many points. If you accumulate six points in a three-year period, you automatically get to move up a division, get promoted. That took care of the success factors of schools that are constantly winning. They get to play up a division.”

Miller said schools can appeal that decision if they feel they have extenuating circumstances, such as an extremely talented senior class or some other anomaly. Then the WIAA considers the appeal.

Recently the WIAA announced which fall sports will be moving up a division. The winter decisions are just coming out.

Miller sent an appeal to the WIAA to move down a division in boys and girls basketball and boys hockey.

“In boys and girls basketball, we’re the smallest Division 2 school in the state, and the disparity in enrollments is our 600 versus La Crosse Central’s 1,100. That’s a big deal for a school our size.”

Part of Miller’s appeal was the student participation rate in WIAA-sponsored activities, which

is one of the criteria listed by the classification committee.

“In addition, we have small pockets of the community that don’t play in our competitive sports programs, which really makes our enrollment seem a little bit less than the actual 600,” Miller said. “So we’re playing schools double our size in the tournament series. So we asked to move down. We got denied on both the boys and girls basketball mainly because they looked at our tournaments, and when we play our tournament games, we’re competitive. We don’t get blown out. So they felt like, ‘Yeah, you haven’t won a lot of tournament games, but you seem to be competitive.’”

Miller’s appeal for boys hockey was successful in moving to Division 2. Through the years, the Oredockers have posted double-digit wins in a season but have not been competitive in the tournament series against the likes of Superior or the Eau Claire schools.

“The hockey, they are going to move down to Division 2,” he said. “So the committee looked at that and said, ‘There is reasonable basis for you guys to play Division 2,’ so we will play Division 2 hockey next year, which is where we belong exactly. So it worked for that sport, but it didn’t for the girls and boys basketball. So that’s the Ashland part of the new competitive balance program that the WIAA has implemented.”

Now that the initiative has been implemented, Miller expects some tweaks through the years to make it even better.

“I think it’s a good thing because it’s a concern that the members have brought up for years, and we haven’t been able to do anything,” he said. “So we finally got something in place. And what will happen is we’ll discover it needs to be tweaked. There are some things in the point systems that maybe don’t work well or whatever. I think we’ll get it fixed so it helps schools that need some relief.”

Miller said the one sport for Ashland that could see a possible success factor is girls soccer.

“If they have a really good spring, and they repeat as sectional champs, they’re going to be close to seeing that,” he said. “I would probably appeal it for the same reasons because of our enrollment and whatever, we should stay in the division we’re assigned right now.”

3rd Annual Beau Nemeč Memorial Golf Tournament

Set for May 25th and 26th

Article by Sam Nemeč

This Memorial Day Weekend come out to the Chequamegon Bay Golf Club in Ashland, WI for the 3rd Annual Beau Nemeč Memorial Golf Tournament set to take place on Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th.

The Beau Nemeč Memorial Golf Tournament is a fundraising event hosted by Beau’s family and friends. Beau tragically passed away on July 26, 2021. Beau was a bright soul with an infectious smile who was loved by all. He enjoyed being outdoors, whether for golf or softball, fishing or hunting, or lending a helping hand to friends and family. Above all, Beau loved his two baby girls, Wynter and Gracelynn, more than anything. This tournament was started by Beau’s family to bring people together to honor and celebrate him, raise awareness about the dangers of drug use, and contribute to local community programs that provide safe, positive outlets for the youth. Beau’s family – led by Pat Nemeč (father), Kim Gunderson (mother), Jacob Nemeč (brother), and friends Trista Paetow and Mike Tuttle – look to continue this project for years to come in honor of their love for Beau.

The tournament fundraiser has been a success since its inception.



With help from 120 golfers and 25 volunteers, plus many more local supporters and sponsors, the fundraising event has raised \$15,000 in its first two years.

The inaugural tournament and coinciding raffle had proceeds go to SPARK, an after-school program available to students in grades 6th-12th. SPARK aims to create a fun, safe, inspiring, and adventurous space where every kid is welcome. Proceeds helped purchase an indoor skate ramp that’s open for use during inclement weather. Funds from last year raised enough to start an annual scholarship at Northwood Technical College in Ashland for a student enrolling into the EMT program. Additional pro-

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April 12-13th is the first ever Washburn Get Lit – Literature Festival. There will be all kinds of activities throughout the community that you will not want to miss. There will be a silent book club, book swap, Childrens Book Bash, an Adult Book Fair Fundraiser for the Washburn Public Library and so much more. Author Jeff Nania will be in town to talk about his Northern Lakes Mysteries Series, other books he has written and what he is currently working on. Check out North Coast Coffee and 211 Martini for their book themed specials too. Visit <https://washburnchamber.com/events/get-lit/> for the full list of events and specials.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 season of Music in the Parks. The Whitecaps will kick off the season on May 29th in Legion Park from 6-8pm. Music in the Parks is our summer concert series that takes place each Wednesday May – August. The concerts are free and open to the public. Come enjoy some local bands with your family and friends. Also on Wednesdays, visit the Washburn Farmers Market on Central Ave. between the Cultural Center and The Club from 3-6pm starting in June. The market is currently taking applications for vendors for the 2024 season. Visit washburnfarmersmarket.com for all the details.

And last but not least, registration is now open for the 18th Annual Superior Vistas Bike Tour. Enjoy cruising Washburn and Bayfield Co. on gently rolling hills with views of Lake Superior and the surrounding forest and countryside. Routes available include the 13, 19, 34, 40, 52, and 70 mile loops, a century (100 mile) ride, and a fat bike route. We are looking to add and or update routes this year too. This is a fully supported ride with route maps, support vehicles, and rest stops en-route. This is a family friendly ride, not a race. All ages and skill levels welcome including e-bikes. Please visit superiorvistas.org for all the details and to register.

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Hall of Fame cont. from page 6

and earned two trips to the state baseball tournament finishing runner-up in the summer of 1978. He was an all-conference selection in his junior and senior years.

During the winter David played basketball for Coach Paul Augustyn. He was a 3-year letter winner and an all-conference selection in his junior and senior years. His senior year the Oredockers went 20-3 losing to Eau Claire Memorial in the sectional final. This was the final year Ashland played in Division 1.

David was a 2-year football letter winner for Coach Ted Thompson. David's senior year the Oredockers were undefeated conference champions in the fall of 1978 finishing 9-1. The team advanced to the state semi-final losing to Plymouth. David led the conference in scoring and was an All-Conference selection as a senior. One of his playing highlights was scoring 5 touchdowns in the conference championship game against Medford.

David continued his playing career as a baseball player for UMD and later played baseball and basketball at UW Superior.

David's love for sports has continued into a remarkable coaching career. He was the Oredocker boy's coach for 7 years, being named Lumberjack Conference Coach of the Year one time and having 3 teams ranked in the final top 10 season polls. After a 12-year teaching career in Ashland, David moved to Superior where he has taught for 21 years. At Superior, David coached the boy's basketball team for 10 years and the girl's team for 6 years. He had 8 teams ranked in the top 10 in the state. That coaching career produced 7 conference championships, 6 regional cham-

pionships, one sectional championship, and a state appearance in the 2011 Super Tuesday game. His overall coaching record is an amazing 325-175. David and wife Lori live in the Lake Nebagmon WI.

Jerry Pratt - class of 1990. Achievement has been a trademark of Jerry Pratt. Jerry earned 6 varsity letters as an Oredocker but his impact has gone far deeper than the court or field. During his high school career, Jerry also put up some fantastic numbers in math competitions. He was a top ten performer in various state and national math competitions at St. Scholastica, UW Superior, and UW Madison. In 1990 he won a \$10,000 scholarship from Duracell for his math achievements.

Jerry's achievements took him to MIT graduating in 1994, earning a master's degree in 1995, and a PhD in 2000. Jerry is one of the world's leading researchers in the field of robotics. His work in robot technology has been widely published. He has been a senior research scientist at the Florida Institute for Human Machine Cognition. He holds several patents. He was inducted into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame in 2015 (joining a group of inventors that includes the likes of Thomas Edison). He finished 2nd place (finish worth 1,000,000) in the 2015 DARPA Robotics Competition. He has been part of a PBS documentary and has been featured in Time Magazine. Jerry and his wife Megan founded the Pensacola MESS Hall, a hands-on science museum designed to get people of all ages interested in math and science.

One of his former teachers noted, "Jerry's contributions to our school district and society in general go above and beyond - he has used his education very well".

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Looking Back, Moving Forward

By Dan Theno

Numerous courts and investigations have concluded that the riot on January 6, 2021, at the United States Capitol was an attempt by Trump supporters to prevent the counting of Electoral Votes before a joint session of Congress to determine the winner of the 2020 Presidential election. But what is the Electoral College and how does it function in our democracy?

The founding fathers attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787 debated the issue of how to select the President and the Vice President at length. Some wanted Congress to choose the President. That got turned down because it would violate the "separations of power" between the executive and legislative branches of government. Others wanted a direct election of President in a nation-wide vote. That was turned down because much of the population lived far away from polling places and the option would invite voter fraud.

After several alternatives for the selection of President and Vice President were debated and turned down, a compromise arose that resulted in the creation of the Electoral College. Under that system, each state would be allotted a number of Electors based on the number of delegates it had in Congress. Each state would automatically get two Electors because each state would have two United States Senators. States would be apportioned additional Electors based on the number of members each state had in the population-based United States House of Representatives (the original reason for a Census every ten years was to determine the number of members each state would be allocated in the House of Representatives).

At its inception, each state was allowed to determine how Electors were chosen. For many years Electors were selected by each state legislature. Beginning in the mid 1800's, one state legislature after another moved to provide that electors would be chosen by the people directly. In practical terms today, each political party in each state nominates party individuals to be Electors equal to the number of members that state has in Congress (2 Senators plus the number of House members). On election day, individuals nominated to be a party's Electors become official members of the Electoral College if their candidate wins the popular vote for President in their state.

By law, Electors from each state meet in their state capitol building on the first Monday following the second Wednesday in December in an election year to cast their ballots for President and Vice President. The count of votes from each state is then forwarded to Congress. On January 6th in the year following a Presidential election the Electoral Votes from each state are counted before a joint session of Congress, presided over by the sitting Vice President. The candidate for President who receives the most Electoral Votes is then declared the winner.

There are currently 538 Electors, based on 435 representatives, 100 senators from the fifty states and three Electors from Washington, D.C. It takes 270 Electoral Votes (1/2 of 538 plus one) to be elected President. The six states with the most Electors are California (54), Texas (40), Florida (30), New York (28), Illinois (19) and Pennsylvania (19). Wisconsin has 2 U.S. Senators and 8 members of the House of Representatives and thus we have 10 Electoral Votes.

Dan Theno was elected four times as the State Senator from the eight northwest counties of Wisconsin and twice as Mayor of Ashland. He currently serves on the Brown County Board (Green Bay area) and is active in civic affairs, political campaign consulting and historic preservation.

Golf tournament cont. from page 7

ceeds were used to purchase a basketball hoop, pool table, and ping pong table for the Bad River Boys & Girls Club. These are open to anyone in grades 1st-12th, giving a safe and warm place for the youth of the Bad River community.

"It means so much to our family to see the love for Beau and all the people coming together to help promote drug prevention among young children and adults", Pat said. "We couldn't be more grateful for all the sponsors, donations, volunteers, golfers, and golf course staff. Without all of them, this wouldn't be as successful as it has been".

The golf tournament is a two-day two-person scramble format with a shotgun start kicking things off at 10:00AM on Saturday. \$325 is the entry fee per team, which includes 27+ holes (with golf cart), goody

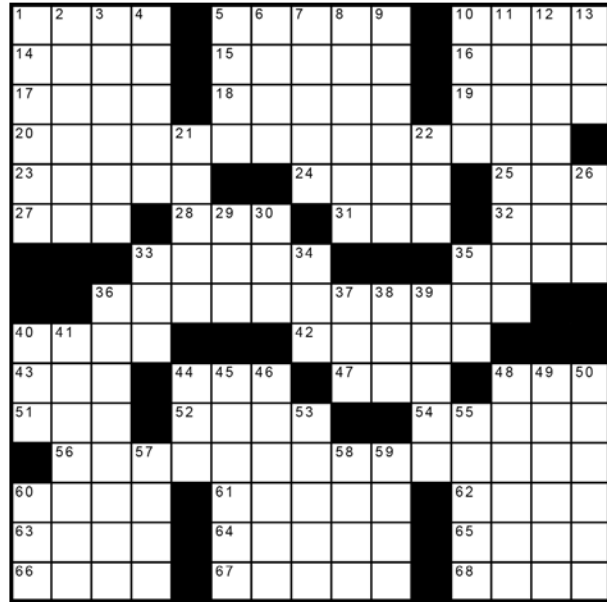
bag, and a chance to win the Hole-In-One contest and other prizes on the course. The raffle will be open at 8:00AM on Saturday with over a dozen prizes valued anywhere from \$100-\$1000. Von Holzen will once again be giving away a vehicle if some lucky golfer scores an ace on their sponsored hole. For the third year in a row, Judy and Shawn Thayer of JET Travel have donated two round trip plane tickets as one of the top raffle prizes. Stop by Chequamegon Bay Golf Club this Memorial Day weekend to check out all the wonderful raffle prizes!

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- 1. Coins and bills
- 5. Bird bills
- 10. Fit together well
- 14. Against (prefix)
- 15. Completely lost
- 16. Soothing gel
- 17. Souvenir of a surgery
- 18. Given a G or a PG
- 19. Precious stones
- 20. Round that originated as an English nursery rhyme
- 23. Romantic partner
- 24. Move, in Realtor lingo
- 25. Old-time possessive
- 27. Before, in a sonnet
- 28. Fish ___ chips
- 31. Sales agent, informally
- 32. ___ v Wade
- 33. Polished off
- 35. Planted
- 36. Friar in the English version of a French round
- 40. Having almost no slack
- 42. Spacious
- 43. Landers of advice column fame
- 44. Sound booster
- 47. Morning cupful, perhaps
- 48. Fawn's mom
- 51. Greedy sort
- 52. Competes (for)
- 54. Has to have
- 56. Round that's popular at Girl Scout gatherings
- 60. Salvador with an easel
- 61. Soft palate dangler
- 62. Hindu deity
- 63. English boarding school
- 64. Basic principle
- 65. "Now ___ me down to sleep ..."
- 66. Indecent
- 67. Outer parts
- 68. The number one, in



German

Down

- 1. Windsor highlight
- 2. Heavy thing on a boat
- 3. Deprive (of), in a sense
- 4. Workplace newbie
- 5. Sticker on a wire fence
- 6. And others, in a footnote, briefly
- 7. Up and about
- 8. More intense
- 9. Jockey's seat
- 10. Star-following trio
- 11. Part of an atom
- 12. By hook or by crook
- 13. Bulls and toms
- 21. Muse to poets
- 22. Deck-swabber's tool
- 26. Currency of Japan
- 29. After all deductions
- 30. "Stupid me!"
- 33. Louvre contents
- 34. MPH word
- 35. Not much of a mixer
- 36. Simple house
- 37. Deteriorate
- 38. First name in the 2021 White House
- 39. Saudi neighbor
- 40. Touchscreen move
- 41. Put some life into
- 44. "___ Maria"
- 45. Short time period
- 46. Irritated
- 48. Highest mountain in North America
- 49. One who's out, in an old saying
- 50. Opinionated articles
- 53. Tried to hit the ball (in baseball or cricket)
- 55. Mysterious
- 57. Generous, perhaps
- 58. Break out of jail
- 59. "Doggone it!"
- 60. "Of the", in Spanish

Answer key on page 11

2024 Notice of Aquatic Plant Management in Sand Bar Lake in Bayfield County

The Town of Barnes in Bayfield County, WI hereby notifies the public as specified per Chapter NR 107, WI Administrative Code; that it intends to apply aquatic herbicides to approximately 8.7 surface water acres in Sand Bar Lake to control the aquatic invasive species Eurasian watermilfoil. The Trade Name of the herbicide to be used is ProcellaCOR EC. Northern Aquatic Services of Dresser, WI will complete the proposed application in the spring of 2024, sometime between ice out and July 1, depending on weather conditions.

The public may request within 5 days of this notice that the applicant hold a public informational meeting on the proposed application. The request must specify the topics to be discussed at the meeting, including problems and alternatives, and must be sent to: Lake Education and Planning Services, PO Box 26, Cameron, WI 54822 and to the WDNR at 1701 N 4 th St, Superior WI 54880. A public informational meeting on the proposed application will be conducted if five or more individuals, organizations, special units of government, or local units of government request one. Additional management information can be found at the following website <https://townofbarneswi.gov/page.cfm/43>.

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Drummond Area School District voters approve both referendum questions

Submitted article

Voters of Drummond Area School District supported both a \$1.2M non-recurring operational referendum and a \$29.98M capital referendum on April 2, helping the District continue their long-range strategic planning efforts to support student achievement and career readiness.

On April 2, 2024, Drummond Area School District asked voters two referendum questions:

Question 1 asked voters to approve an operational referendum that would provide \$1.2M each year, for the next four years, to support operational expenses, including maintaining current programs and services for students.

Question 2 asked voters to approve a \$29.98M building referendum for paying the cost of a school building and facility improvement project. Projects included in the scope of Question 2 include:

- CTE/ Tech Ed addition and remodel to provide hands-on learning opportunities in trades, careers and life skills, including welding and automotive.
- HVAC and electrical system upgrades and replacement.
- Exterior building envelope repair and site repair to prevent flooding.
- Remodel to update educational spaces, including science labs, and modifications to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act

(ADA), including restrooms.

- New flooring and bleachers in the current gym.

- Relocation of main entrance to create an ADA accessible, secure entrance to control visitor access.

"The entire District is so grateful to the community for showing their unwavering support for the valuable education that we provide for area students. The support for operational and capital projects will impact every student in the district, and preserve our school building for at least another 30 years," said Melissa Altmann, District Administrator.

Additional details on the proposed project, including a preliminary, conceptual Drummond Area School District site plan, are available on the District's referendum website. The District will continue to update the community on the progress of the project with updates on the website.

For additional Referendum information, please visit the District's website at <https://www.dasdk12.net>. Questions can be directed to Melissa Altmann, District Administrator, at 715-739-6669, ext. 178 or email maltmann@dasd.k12.wi.us.

Tamarack Health Expands Primary Care in Ashland

The Ashland Clinic, led by Grant Blutorn, DO will open in May 2024.

Submitted article

Tamarack Health is excited to announce an expansion of services to the Ashland community with the addition of a primary care clinic, set to open mid-May on its Ashland Medical Center campus. Tamarack Health Ashland Clinic will be located in a suite on the west side of the building, in the current Professional Arts Building.

With the addition of primary care in Ashland, Tamarack Health aims to improve access to preventative care services and chronic disease management in the area—a necessary step in a patient's journey. This new service will work closely with existing Tamarack Health teams of knowledgeable specialists, therapists, and providers to ensure all levels of care are considered and the best possible outcomes are achieved. Area residents can be confident their personal health needs are met during every stage of life without having to travel far for care.

"Primary care in Ashland is the next logical step in expanding our services to offer more complete healthcare to our region," says Kevin Roy, Vice President of Providers and Clinic Operations. "We have had great success with our family medicine physicians in Hayward since they began their practice in 2022 and are now on track to open a new, larger primary care clinic there. We anticipate that



Grant Blutorn, DO (center) with the first members of the Tamarack Health Ashland Clinic primary care team.

Ashland-area communities will be receptive to additional primary care access."

"Adding this service in Ashland allows us to take a more active role to improve access to primary care for the communities we serve," says Luke Beirl, Hayward Medical Center CEO and Ashland Medical Center's interim CEO. "Starting in May, your primary care provider at Tamarack Health Ashland Clinic will be able to refer patients to specialists and services we have right down the hall or across the parking lot from their office visit. Care teams and staff will work together and communicate closely with each other to provide personalized, excellent, and complete care right here in Ashland."

Tamarack Health Ashland Clinic is now accepting new patients with Grant Blutorn, DO, a family medicine physician. Dr. Blutorn will start seeing patients in mid-May. Visit tamarackhealth.org for more information or to request an appointment online.



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Pairing Spring Food with Wine

By Al Subera

Seasonal changes bring evolution of food and wines to pair with them. Heavy, rich entrees matched with Zinfandel, Cabernet and Merlot are appropriate for fall and winter fare.

Spring provides greens, mushrooms, wild leeks fresh caught panfish and trout. Lighter white wines like Pinot Grigio, some Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc enhance them. Rose and Pinot Noir are spring food friendly reds.

Depending on your definition of spring; the following may be available from the woods, your garden and a good grocer: water cress, wild leeks, mushrooms, asparagus, green onions, micro greens and radishes. Rhubarb, cherries and strawberries are spring fruit. Panfish, suckers and northern pike and trout are usually available after ice out.

Some rules suggest combination of certain wines with particular food like fresh caught panfish with a light Pinot Grigio. These are suggestions and in many cases do provide more enjoyable flavor profiles however are not etched in stone. Keep an open mind about these suggestions and allow personal taste and creativity to be your guide.

Consider the following flavor profiles; acid, fat, bitter, salt, sweet and alcohol. Learn about them online, in books and magazines and by self experimentation. Food and Wine, Wine Enthusiast and Wine Spectator Magazines provide helpful information. Suggestions are available on food and wine pairing wheels. If you are a student/super wine and food nerd you may wish to keep a journal. Find a friend(s) that share your passion and share experiences. Brother Dave and I

constantly cook, taste and compare food and wines.

You are likely aware of wines available at your local grocery or liquor store. Search for places with knowledgeable staff to help with your selections. Try wine clubs that deliver wine to your door if local stores don't provide wines of your preference. I personally have good experiences with Naked Wines and WSJ (Wall Street Journal) Wine Club.

The style and preparation of food may impact the wine served with it. Here are a few basic suggestions.

- Most "white meat fish" - Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay.
- Salmon - Pinot Noir
- Turkey - Beaujolais, Riesling & Gewürztraminer
- Beef steak - Zinfandel, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon
- Shellfish - Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Riesling
- Salad - Rose, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio
- Asparagus - Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio
- Mushrooms - Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, French Reds

Wine pairing wheel/s for meat, vegetables and cheese are available from WWW.WINELOVER-SPAGE.COM.

Here are some recipes with wine pairing suggestions.

Spring Vegetable Chowder with Ham

Ingredients

- 3 strips uncooked chopped bacon
- 2 T olive oil
- 2 onions sliced
- 3 cloves minced garlic
- 3 stalks celery chopped in 1/4" pieces

- 2 potatoes peeled & cubed
- 6 C low sodium chicken stock
- 3 carrots chopped in 1/4" pieces
- 1/4 # green beans trimmed & cut into thirds
- 2 C broccoli florets
- 2 tomatoes cut into chunks
- *1 1/2 C mushrooms cut in 1/2
- 1 14 oz. can of corn drained
- Sea salt & pepper to taste
- 2 tsp. cumin (optional)
- Dash red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 1/4 C chopped ham
- *1 C chardonnay

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The Cable Area Food Shelf

will be open on the second Thursday of the month, April 11th and May 9th from 11 AM to 6 PM. It is located on the corner of Highway 63 and Spruce Street in the lower level of the Professional Building in Cable. The Cable Area Food Shelf is affiliated with The Brick of Ashland and the Cable area churches. For more information or questions, you may call 218-288-2314 or email cableareafoodshelf@thebrickministries.org.

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The Lions Roar

By
Karen Gran

Thank you to all those who attended our St Patrick's Dinner last month. We had a great turnout! We announced the winners of the Cable Area Foundation Scholarships. This year there were 3 awards of \$2500 each. The applicants are required to be former graduates of Drummond High School and already enrolled in higher education. They must have completed at least one year of a University degree or half of a Technical College degree. The winners are: Ryleigh Thomson of Cable, majoring in Elementary Education at UW Eau Claire. Ryleigh is a 2022 graduate of DHS. Noelle Hurula, a 2021 graduate from Drummond, is majoring in Accounting and Business Management at UW Platteville. Breanna Bednarik of Mason is a 2023 DHS graduate. She is enrolled in the Accounting Associate Degree program at Northwood Technical College in Ashland. Congratulations to these deserving students!



From the left: Lion Jeff Smits, Noelle Hurula, Lion Ron Gran and Lion Kathleen Lorenz. Presenting Noelle with a \$2500 Scholarship from the Cable Area Foundation (Administered by the Cable & Area Lions Club)

April 15th is the deadline for sending in your nominations for our CABLE & AREA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD. The nominees must reside in one of the communities of Cable, Drummond, Grand View or Namakagon. There are many outstanding community

members in our area who make a difference in the lives of others, nominations may come from individuals or an organization. Lions Club members are not eligible for the award. The nominee's charitable activities or service cannot be a part of their job description or duties and they cannot receive any monetary or personal benefits from their involvement. The Cable & Area Lions Club will donate \$500 in the recipient's name to a non-profit organization or charity

of their choice and the recipient will be presented with a plaque to honor their volunteerism. Application forms are available at the Cable Chamber of Commerce or by contacting Lion Maureen Palmer at Maureenannn28@gmail.com.

Diabetes awareness and education is a very important mission of Lions Clubs. Diabetes is a major cause of blindness in the world, our goal is to reduce the prevalence of the disease and to prevent the impact it has on vision and health in general. Twice a year I make sure to provide information on Diabetes and the effect it has on our lives. November is National Diabetes Awareness Month and annually the fourth Tuesday in March is Diabetes Alert Day. It's a little past March 26th, but the message is the same, focus on the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of understanding your risk. To take the Risk Test and read more about diabetes go to diabetes.org or niddk.nih.gov.

The sooner you know if you're at risk, the sooner you can take steps to prevent or manage diabetes. If you have a family history of diabetes, are overweight or are not physically active, you have a greater chance of developing type 2 diabetes. Losing just 10 pounds and walking more can lower your risk. Simple lifestyle changes like these along with choosing foods with less fats and carbohydrates can help prevent or slow down the onset of diabetes. Approximately 97.6 million adults have prediabetes, a condition where blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. 8.7 million Americans are unaware that they have diabetes, wouldn't you want to know?

Contact our Membership Chair, Lion Ellen Nelson, earn54821@gmail.com, or cablearealionsclub@gmail.com if you would like more information about Lions Club or if you would like to attend a meeting.

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Reduce your exposure to allergy triggers:

- Stay indoors on dry, windy days
- Do not hang laundry outside to dry
- Shower after being outdoors to rinse pollen off of your skin and hair.

Extra steps when pollen counts are high:

- Start taking allergy medicine before your symptoms start
- Keep doors and windows closed
- Avoid outdoor activity in the early morning hours when pollen is highest

For many people, avoiding allergens and taking over-the-counter medications is enough to provide seasonal allergy relief. If your symptoms continue to be bothersome, see your doctor for advice. For more information on seasonal allergies, visit www.mayoclinic.org

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Photo by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Ashland, WI. Superior Rivers' upcoming "Science on Tap" Program Features Lake Sturgeon Success Stories.

Living fossils featured at next Science on Tap

Submitted article

Imagine a world like that featured in Jurassic Park when dinosaurs still roamed the Earth...fast forward 250 million years to today and it might surprise readers to know that one species has thrived on the planet that entire time. Now imagine an ancient fish that lives longer than most of us. If your curiosity is piqued, you'll be in good company at the next "Science on Tap", Tuesday, April 16th at the Deep Water Grille in Ashland.

Having survived mass extinctions and millions of years of global change, lake sturgeon are still relatively unchanged and have earned the moniker "living fossils". They retain many primitive characteristics that have been lost or evolved in other modern-day fish. Native American traditional knowledge tells of four rivers in the area where lake sturgeon once spawned and thrived, but human influences such as over-harvest, dams, and poor water quality severely impacted their populations. These ancient fish, once abundant in the Great Lakes, are now but a shadow of their previous populations, estimated to occupy less than one percent of historical numbers. Today, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and other partners are helping return lake sturgeon from the brink of extinction.

Superior Rivers Watershed Association (SRWA) and Science on Tap partners invite the public to join USFWS Supervisory Fish Biologist Henry Quinlan as he reports some good news in his upcoming presentation, "Lake Sturgeon Success Stories for Lake Superior". Quinlan and his colleagues at the Ashland USFWS Conservation Office work to conserve native in-

terjurisdictional fish species, fulfill tribal trust responsibilities, control aquatic invasive species, and conserve, restore and enhance aquatic habitats for sturgeon across the Lake Superior basin. Science on Tap presentations last 30-45 minutes and are followed by Q&A period for continued discussion; monthly programs are scheduled the third Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

SRWA's spring macroinvertebrate sampling season starts May 5th through May 19th, with virtual and in-person field training sessions scheduled in early May. Thanks to the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, SRWA is also partnering to offer local field trips. Upcoming field trips include a short hike highlighting history of the Lincoln Community Forest (Marengo River) with expert Gary Johnson on April 13th at 1:00 p.m., hiking the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center's trail system with USFWS Park Ranger Ariana London on April 20th at 10:30 a.m., and a visit to a watershed restoration case study on 20-mile creek with expert Tom Doolittle May 18th. More details on the field trip series are available on SRWA's website at: <https://www.superiorrivers.org/events/>.

To celebrate Earth Day this month, consider supporting SRWA's work by becoming a member or donating professional expertise, offering cash or legacy contributions, or support our local business sponsors throughout the year. To learn more visit <https://www.superiorrivers.org/> and Happy Earth Day, April 22nd - get out there, fish, paddle, and enjoy our precious waters.

Recipes cont. from page 11

Procedure

1. Brown bacon in a large stock pot & remove the cooked pieces.
2. Add olive oil, allow to heat & sauté onions, garlic & celery until tender.
3. Add potatoes & cook 10 minutes then add chicken stock.
4. Puree 1/2 the mixture in a food processor until smooth then return it to the stock pot.
5. Add remaining ingredients except ham, bacon & wine. Bring to a boil.
6. Reduce heat, add remaining puree & simmer until vegetables are tender then add bacon, ham & wine.
7. Serve & enjoy

Notes

- *This is an adaption of recipe from "Cooking with Wine" by Virginia & Robert Hoffman
- *This recipe contains wine however you may wish to pair it with merlot or syrah.
- *Use domestic or wild mushrooms of your choice.

Roasted Honey Dijon Salmon with Spring Vegetables

Ingredients

- 2 bunches radishes with leaf & root ends trimmed
- 1 bunch carrots w/ root & stem ends trimmed 7cut in 1/2 or 1/4's
- *1 shallot sliced lengthwise
- Olive oil as needed
- Sea salt & black pepper to taste

- 2 T honey
- 1-2 T Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp. your favorite hot sauce
- Granulated garlic to taste
- 1-2 # slab of salmon w/ skin removed
- 1 bunch asparagus
- 1/2 C fresh mint or parsley
- Lemon wedges (garnish)

Procedure

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Place a sheet of parchment paper on a baking tray, mix & spray vegetables w/ oil then bake on the parchment paper.
3. Mix honey, mustard, hot sauce & garlic.
4. Drizzle salmon with oil & sprinkle w/ salt & pepper.
5. Spread mustard atop the salmon.
6. Move vegetables from the center of the baking sheet & add salmon then place veggies closely around the salmon.
7. Roast another 10-12 minutes & drizzle w/ oil if necessary & add extra salt & pepper if needed.
8. Place fish & veggies on a platter & serve w/ lemon wedges.

Notes

- *Use an onion or wild leeks if shallots aren't available.
- *Serve w/ chardonnay, viognier and white burgundy (Chardonnay from France)
- *This is a modification of a recipe by Susan Spungen.

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Article by Regional Hospice

April 16 is National Healthcare Decisions Day. This day has been set aside to create awareness of the impact of preparing now for our care in the future. Taking time to have "courageous conversations" with loved ones can ensure that we get the care we want and avoid what we don't want, even if we are unable to speak for ourselves.

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Embrace Your Space

By Michele Tegen

The Monster Under the Bed

"So the devil has nowhere to hide."

That was the answer I was given when I inquired why some houses were round. I was in Cornwall, England and the style intrigued and fascinated me. Their design, and the intention behind it, has stuck with me for many, many years.

Let's take a journey into the realm of the round...

I recently stayed in a yurt with a friend of mine in the middle of a Wisconsin winter and loved the structure, stamina, and unique beauty. We put down some cozy blankets on the floor next to the fireplace, looked up at the stars through the dome and let our imaginations wander.

Not long ago our real estate company had two dome homes for sale - not one, but two! I had never experienced one of these before and was so grateful to photograph them and learn about the architectural genius of R. Buckminster Fuller. I incorporated some of the photos with his quotes and framed them for a gallery wall in our office.

Indigenous peoples build wiigiwaams, teepees and roundhouses for ceremonies and dwelling spaces.

It seems the benefits of round dwellings have been overlooked as we moved into building structures with separate rooms and spaces.

If you're interested in finding out the history of homes and how they came to be, read *At Home: A Short History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson.

One of the most fascinating parts of the round home to me is the energetic component. Stuck energy, or negative energy, is found mostly on our floors and in the corners of our rooms. If you have no corners the energy stays clearer...or the "devil" has nowhere to hide.

I believe this may be why we're afraid of the "monster under the bed." How often do we clean under our beds? Let's be honest, it's not



an easy space to get to and think of all the lower vibrating energy that can especially accumulate in our bedrooms such as nightmares and illnesses etc. Sweeping the dust bunnies away and clearing any lower energies on a regular basis is so important. A good friend of mine used to create an essential oil spray for her kids to use under the bed and in the closet before bedtime. She incorporated cleansing and calming essential oils including Lavendar. Plant Therapy has a spray called Monster Away and one of the main ingredients is Cedarwood which is a very energetically cleansing oil.

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Take the time to evict the devil from your dwelling space and vanquish those monsters from under your bed. You and your home will be so much clearer and happier.

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Contributed photo. FFA Section 1 Dairy Placement - Silver winner: Mandy Anderson, Ashland FFA, lives and works caring for dairy calves at Deer Creek Farm.

Wisconsin FFA SAE Proficiency results are in!

Article by Sandra Dee Naas

Ashland FFA members Maggie Tutor and Mandy Anderson submitted applications for Agriculture Proficiency Awards for their Supervised Agricultural Experiences (SAE) back in mid-February. These are projects the two have been working on for the past year. Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Maggie earned 1st place for Section 1 and will be a state finalist representing NW Wisconsin in June at the Wisconsin FFA State Convention. Mandy earned a silver for her project and we look forward to her future in Dairy Placement. These two areas are probably the most competitive in the state.

Section 1 Winner & State Finalist Maggie Tutor / SAE Area-Equine Placement: Junior and FFA Vice President Maggie Tutor's SAE project is in Equine Placement. Maggie plans on post-secondary school in veterinary medicine with

a special focus on horses. Maggie is developing skills in the animal systems pathway working with the Ashland Area Veterinary Clinic and Big Rock Equestrian Center. Her SAE project is "placement", meaning that she is working for someone. She is working during school through Youth Apprenticeship, after school, on weekends, and in the summer to further her career goals, learning from the ground up. Maggie is an accomplished rider, powerlifter, soccer player, and maintains high standards for herself.

Section 1 Silver Winner Mandy Anderson / SAE Area: Dairy Placement: Sophomore and FFA Secretary Mandy Anderson's SAE is Dairy Placement. Mandy lives and works on Deer Creek Farm, a family dairy in Ashland County. Mandy works closely with the calves and is learning calf care by doing. Mandy is part of a team responsible for the health, well-being, feeding, cleaning, and comfort of all of the dairy calves; these calves are the future of Deer Creek Farms and she takes her responsibilities very seriously.

She has said on a number of occasions how proud she is to be part of the 36% of women in agriculture today, and she feels empowered by the things she knows and is able to do. Mandy is still investigating career options, but the more she learns, the more responsibilities she gains, the more she embraces her role on the farm.

While all members have an SAE project, not all members make an application to be recognized. That being said, all members have opportunity and access to these honors. Students must be enrolled in FFA a full year before they can apply. SAE topics are chosen by individual students and can range from livestock production to maple syrup (specialty crop) entrepreneurship to community development. Almost anything students are interested in, has a place as an SAE. Because FFA is intracurricular, these can be worked on both during the school day and outside the school day. Through these types of projects, students gain skills, knowledge, and abilities that will enhance their career skills and even move students toward entrepreneurship.

For more information about FFA and opportunities for your student,



Contributed photo. FFA Section 1 Winner & State Finalist Maggie Tutor, Ashland FFA, works caring for horses at Big Rock Equestrian Center.

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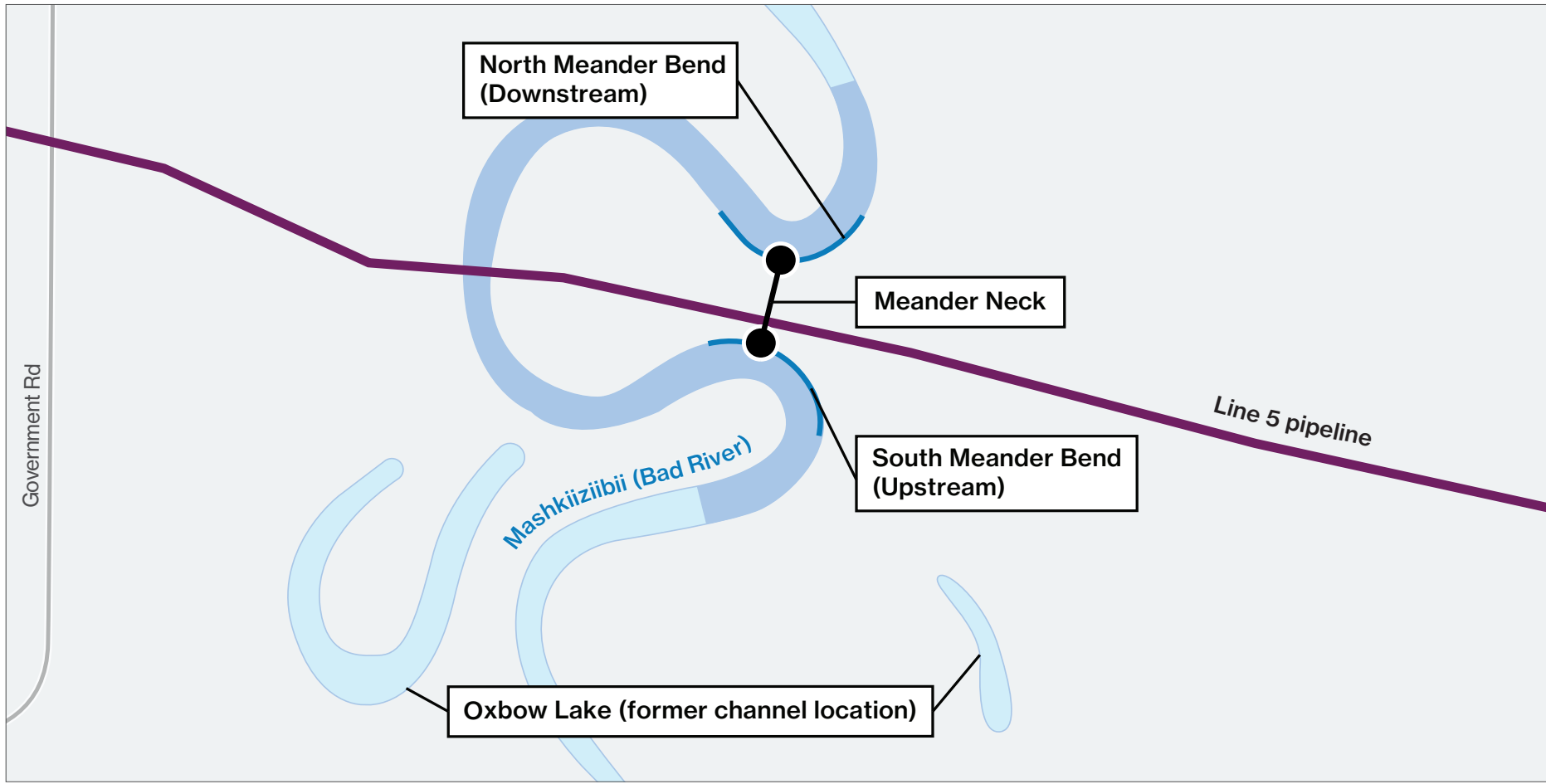
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Open Letter to the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa

What is the plan for monitoring conditions at the Bad River Meander?

Line 5 crosses under the Bad River just west of two bends forming a meander on the Bad River Reservation. Erosion, caused by melting snow and weather events over the years, has brought the bank of the south bend of the Meander closer to the pipeline than in previous years.

Enbridge and the Band have been monitoring the Bad River channel at the Line 5 pipeline crossing for many years. Since 2020, Enbridge has submitted 14 applications to address potential pipeline exposure due to bank erosion at the Meander. These proposals included proven erosion control projects routinely and successfully used across the country, the same type of projects the Band itself has approved for erosion control near another company's pipeline on the Reservation.

Unfortunately, no Enbridge proposal has been approved nor has the Band installed any erosion prevention measures of its own.



Enbridge watches the Meander and shares information from these observations with the Bad River Band.

Enbridge just installed new cameras with better night vision capabilities. The cameras and markers are positioned at measured intervals along the riverbank. Together they tell us if erosion has occurred, and when to follow the court-ordered plan for a temporary shutdown of the pipeline.

Should a flooding event occur, Line 5 will be temporarily shut down. It will restart after floodwaters recede.

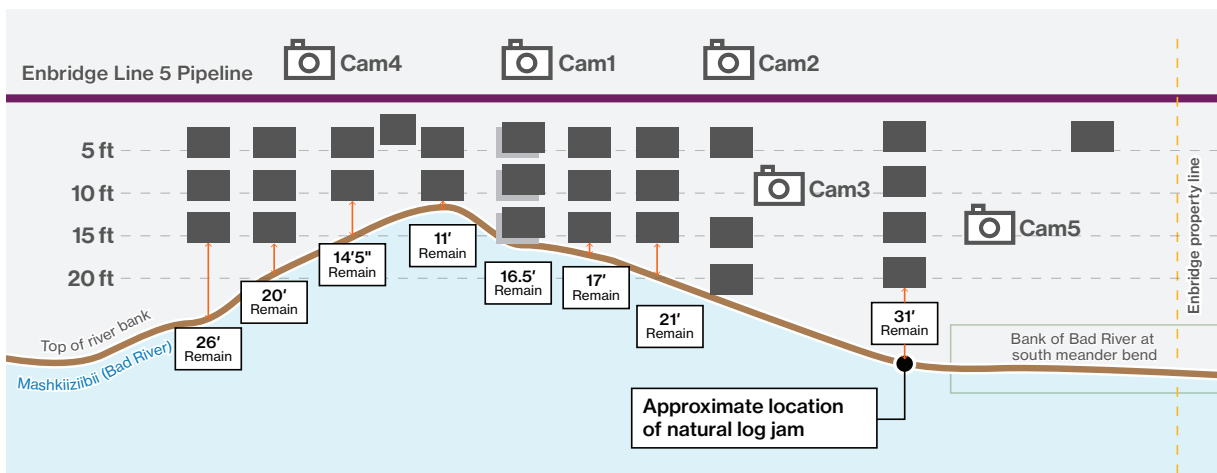
Enbridge will confirm Line 5 is safe and the line will resume operation. Which is a good thing for the millions of people who rely on Line 5 for energy every day – including those who live in local communities.

It's time to talk about solutions. Leadership at the Band has indicated in no uncertain terms that they will not approve ANY measures to remove the threat at the meander and the only acceptable outcome for them is the shutdown of the line. That is not a practical solution but relocating Line 5 off the Bad River Reservation will permanently eliminate any risk at the Meander and throughout the reservation. The relocation will not only remove Line 5 operations from the Reservation, but also create hundreds of millions of dollars in local project spending, hundreds of construction jobs, and millions of dollars in earmarked spending with Native-owned businesses, Tribal community investments, and hiring and training local Native American workers.

We remain open to working collaboratively with the Band to prevent erosion and ensure safe operation of Line 5 across the Bad River Reservation until the relocation project is complete.

Questions? Call **855-869-8261** or visit enbridge.com/L5Wis.

Tom Schwartz
SVP Liquids Pipelines,
Enbridge Strategic Projects & Partnerships



> This graphic shows the position of markers and cameras along the riverbank at the Meander. Schematic is not to scale

The Line 5 monitoring, temporary shutdown and restart plan lays out monitoring methods, frequency, and triggers for a series of actions, including:

<p>Remote camera monitoring activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> View river condition and status of markers from five on-site cameras 	<p>Daily monitoring of precipitation forecasts from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Weather Service</p>
<p>Purge equipment staging and preparations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Including movement of personnel and equipment to purge sites 	<p>1. Loss of two adjacent markers 10 feet from pipeline OR loss of the 10' and 15' markers in the same line in 48-hour OR loss of the 10' and 5' markers in the same line in 48-hour</p> <p>AND flow rates below</p> <p>2. 10,500 cubic feet per second (cfs), OR 15,000 cfs</p>
<p>Purge and shutdown Line 5 pipe segment across Bad River</p>	<p>1. Loss of two adjacent 5' markers, OR loss of two nonadjacent 5' markers in 48-hour</p> <p>AND flow rates</p> <p>2. 10,500 cfs, OR 15,000 cfs</p>

Restart will begin once Enbridge has confirmed the pipeline is safe after water levels have receded to flow rates that are below the flood levels required for temporary shutdown.

USDA State Director Lassa to visit Northwood Technical College's Ashland Campus to highlight grant-funded distance learning technology equipment

Submitted article and photos

Northwood Tech received funding from the USDA Rural Development, Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant as part of the NWECS-ERVING Collaborative Distance Learning Initiative to update video and audio equipment

Julie Lassa, the USDA Rural Development State Director for Wisconsin visited Northwood Tech's Ashland Campus Monday, March 11 to see how equipment purchased through USDA Rural Development, Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant is serving students. Lassa met with the Northwood Tech President John Will along with key staff involved with the grant and technology. She also viewed a live class demonstration.

For background: Northwood Technical College is updating technology in multiple classrooms with \$181,043 from a USDA Rural Development, Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine (RUS-DLT) grant. In total, the College, and its partners serving K-12 school districts, two Wisconsin distance learning consortiums - Northern Wisconsin Educational Communications System (NWECS) and Embarrass River Valley Instructional Network Group (ERVING,) have been awarded \$999,480 to facilitate a \$1.5 million NWECS-ERVING Collaborative Distance Learning Initiative project.

As part of the initiative, the partnership aims to replace outdated, end-of-life technology that impedes course delivery and to provide support for critical mental health telemedicine services across

38 rural school districts. The implementation of advanced distance learning technologies will enable both consortiums and Northwood Tech to further extend and enhance educational opportunities within the rural communities they serve.

For their part of the distance learning collaboration, Northwood Tech secured funding through a proposal of technology items that included the necessary audio and video equipment updates for 30 priority classrooms across all four campus locations. Replacing the outdated equipment will improve audio and video quality to better facilitate class interaction between sites, help eliminate class down-time due to technical difficulties and have new cameras that include auto framing and zoom to focus on the individual speaking in the room. These updates and adding additional technology equipment in classrooms also increase the capacity for virtual courses to take place.

"The USDA Rural Development, Rural Utility Services Distance Learning and Telemedicine (RUS-DLT) Grant is an exciting opportunity for our institution to continue to partner with K-12 institutions and CESA #12 to allow educational opportunities for students to advance career readiness upon graduation. It also provides opportunities for students to receive quality high-school and college education classes in communities that may not have easy access to programming in rural areas of the state. This grant will provide state-of-the-art technology in the classroom where it is needed," said Steve Decker, executive director of technology services at Northwood Tech.



Pictured from left to right President John Will, Executive Director of Technology Services Steve Decker, USDA Rural Development State Director for Wisconsin Julie Lassa, Instructional Television Specialist Wayne Erdman, Distance Learning Specialist Amanda Kostner, VP of Student Affairs and Campus Operations Steve Bitzer

According to Northwood Tech data, during the 2022-23 school year, the College used distance learning technology to facilitate 934 undergraduate courses for 5,071 students and 168 continuing education courses serving 1,401 students. These numbers also reflect the dual credit courses taken by the NWECS consortium high school students.

In total, the College and its partners will use funds from the \$999,480 grant for the NWECS-ERVING Collaborative Distance Learning Initiative to equip 38 individual sites throughout Douglas, Ashland, Barron, St. Croix, Bayfield, Dodge, Florence, Marinette, Saw-

yer, Iron, Forest, Juneau, Taylor, Wood, Price, Waupaca, Shawano, and Portage counties with the latest interactive video distance learning equipment. K-12 students will have better access to high school credit, college dual credit, and enrichment programming. Adults will access continuing education classes provided by Northwood Tech and Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) #12.

For more information about Northwood Technical College and its diverse educational programs, including distance learning programming, please visit NorthwoodTech.edu. For NWECS specific information, please visit NWECS.net.

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Youth Apprenticeship Day Recognizes Future Workforce at Mini Business World Event

Article by Olivia Dachel

On March 8th, 2024, the inaugural CESA 12 Youth Apprenticeship Day celebrated the promising future workforce by hosting WMC Foundation's Mini Business World, an event dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship and teamwork among young apprentices. The event, hosted at Bretting Manufacturing, brought together schools, youth apprentices (YAs), future YAs, and esteemed special guests to recognize the invaluable contributions of youth apprenticeships in shaping tomorrow's leaders and tour the facility.

Youth Apprenticeship (YA) is a 1 or 2-year program that gives juniors and seniors in high school the chance to explore a career area of interest. Students spend part of their school day earning credit and wages while they gain valuable indus-

try experience under the guidance of a local business mentor and take related instruction to further their skills at their high school, technical college or a university. There are over 75 apprenticeships available in which students can participate. YA Day celebrated student, business and community dedication to the program.

The day commenced with warm welcomes and acknowledgments, highlighting the pivotal roles played by individuals and organizations in supporting youth apprenticeships. Special recognition was extended for YA program support to Bad River Education Director Stephanie Julian for her advocacy in youth empowerment, Cathy Smith for her dedication to creating opportunities for youth in Bayfield and Red Cliff communities as Bay-

field High School YA Coordinator, Amanda Popovich, Sarah Nelson and Dominic Madison of CESA 12 for their instrumental support in their vision of consortium creation and program support fostering apprenticeships in the area, Melissa Weber for efforts as Career Specialist at Ashland's Northwood Technical College connecting YA students to technical education, Debra Morris, ROSS Resource Coordinator / Stability Coach Red Cliff Chipewa Housing Authority, Christina Dzwonkowski Director of Ashland County Emergency Management, Nancy Larson Ashland YA Coordinator, Joe Moran and hosts from C. G. Bretting Manufacturing Co., Inc and Mari Kay-Nabozny, CEO of the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Stacey Hessel from Senator Romaine Robert Quinn's office and Representative Chanz Green, who emphasized the importance of local coordinators, mentors and businesses in nurturing young talent. Sen. Quinn's office offered a letter of commendation for the founding CESA 12 Consortium school coordinators and business mentors from the Ashland, Bayfield, Drummond, Hurley, Mellen, Washburn, Winter

and South Shore schools growing the program to include 62 Youth Apprentices, mentors and businesses in just under six months.

A highlight of the event was the address by Deputy Secretary Pam McGillivray from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and Washburn alumna, who lauded the successes of apprenticeship programs and kicked off the Mini Business World program with a focus on key youth apprenticeship strands in Manufacturing, Hospitality and Tourism, Healthcare and Marketing.

Students engaged in interactive sessions, facilitated by Wisconsin Business World's Shelby Paradowski and included company meetings, brainstorming projects, and collaborative presentations aimed at developing business plans and pizza and snacks to fuel creativity. Advisors and mentors played a crucial role in guiding students through the entrepreneurial process, emphasizing teamwork, creativity, and discipline.

The day concluded with final presentations and closing remarks, with winners receiving accolades, gift cards and scholarships to attend the upcoming Business World Summer Camps. The event underscored the significance of youth apprenticeships in fostering innovation, leadership, and entrepreneurial spirit among the future workforce of our area.

If you are a business or parent interested in learning more, becoming a mentor or hiring a youth apprenticeship, please contact your nearest school's guidance department or local YA Coordinator or email YA@CESA12.org for more information.

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Here, There & Everywhere

Article by LaTricia Dugger, JET Travel & Tours

Judy and I just got back from the ASTA (American Society for Travel Advisors) River Cruise Expo in Amsterdam! I am so excited to share with you our experiences and the great opportunities River Cruising has to offer!

First, I want to mention that this was my first time in Amsterdam. What an amazing, historic city and the perfect venue for this event.

The expo offered the ability to learn and tour 9 separate river cruise lines; Viking, Scenic, Riverside, Avalon, Tauck, Riviera, Amadeus, Uniworld, & AmaWaterways.

Each line offers a variety of exciting cruise itineraries to choose from, with plenty of options for you to explore the heart of a region in a unique way. Glide along tranquil waterways, meander through picturesque towns, and soak up the stunning scenery all around you. With a river cruise, you'll be able to immerse yourself in local cultures, try delicious regional cuisine, and discover hidden gems that you might not be able to access on a traditional land-based tour.

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Routes available include the 13, 19, 34, 40, 52, & 70 mile loops, a Centruy ride and a fat bike route.

Registration for the 18th Annual Superior Vistas Bike Tour is open. Start in Washburn and enjoy cruising gently rolling hills with views of Lake Superior and the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Full details and a link to register are available on our website: superiorvistas.org



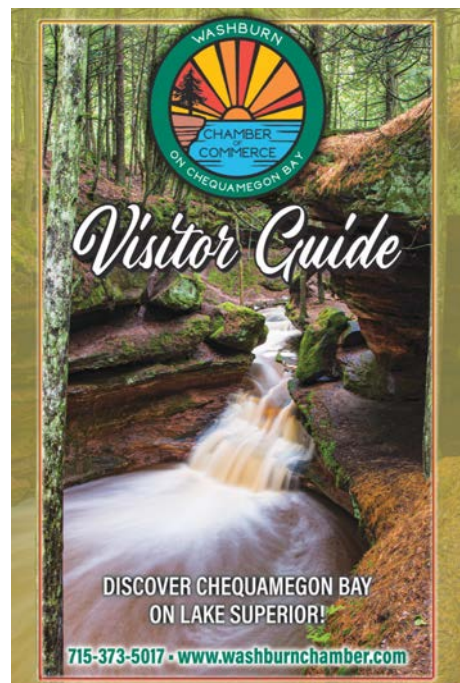
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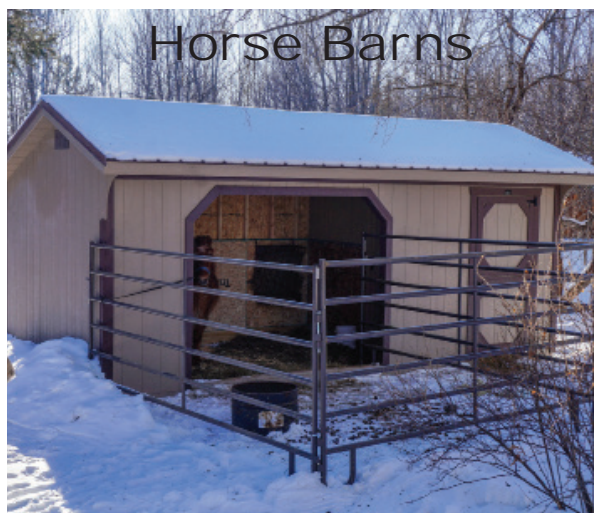
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