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# Welcome Spring!

I love being in the Northwoods for the thaw. While many people choose to spend their time in warm, sunny locales, I enjoy watching the snow melt, the animals come out of hibernation, the days grow longer and the earth eventually turn green with sprouting flora.

We have filled our spring issue with just such things. You can read about maple syrup making, gardening prep, hiking on spring trails and the migratory birds we welcome back each year. Our beautiful courthouse lawn will be filled with art, fabulous cars, and our downtown with motorcycles and burger specials. You can read about the YMCA's "Denim and Diamonds" event, other Northwoods happenings, and features of talented artists, musicians, poets, and photographers of our area.

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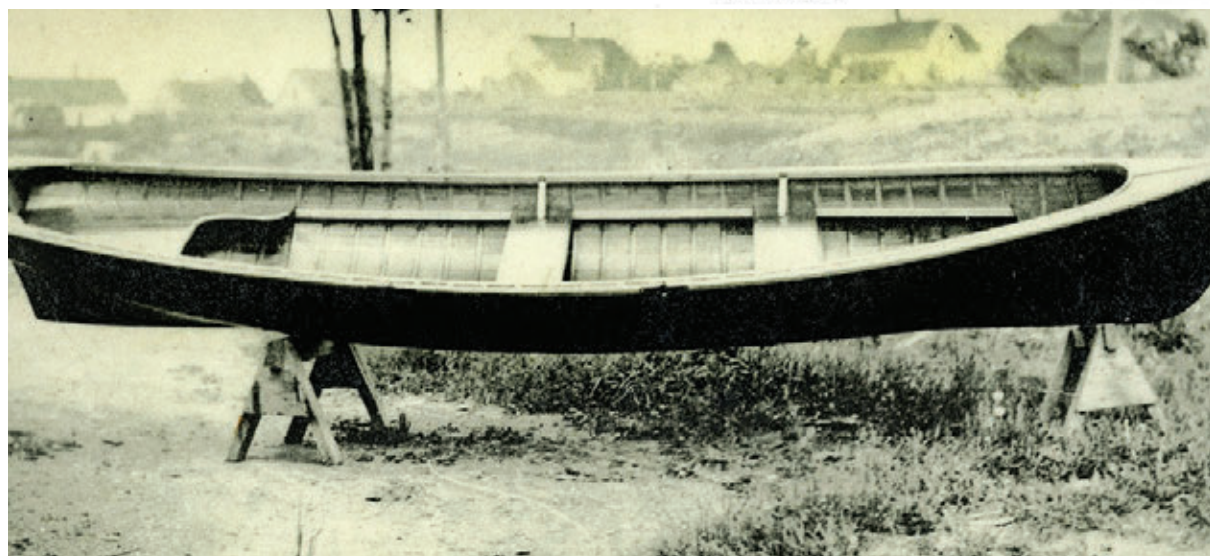
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## By Kerry Bloedorn

At the turn of the twentieth century, the Rhinelander area's logging boom was in full swing. Rhinelander had built itself on the milling of lumber and a number of businesses formed, taking advantage of the wealth of high-quality timber products. Rhinelander made everything from boxes to boats during the first half of the 1900's. At this same time, people were discovering the commodity of leisure time.

People have been coming to the Rhinelander area for recreation for over 100 years. Its clear lakes and pine scented air has drawn people from all over the country, and the world, to enjoy some peace and quite amongst the tall pines. This spurred a period of time when resorts began popping up on every body of water in the new north country.

Vacationers coming to the area would fish, hunt, go boating, and relax. There became a need to ply the many acres of waters and a need for vessels with which to do so. There was a gentleman living in Vilas County that saw an opportunity in the early days of America's Vacationland of the North.

Frank Sayner was a master carpenter and lived in the area near Plum Lake in Vilas County. His brother Orrin, or O.W. Sayner, founded what claimed to be the oldest tourist camp in the Northwoods named Camp Highlands, which was started in 1892 on the shores of Plum Lake. Frank had built several boats for the resort, and being quite proficient at it, built boats out of a shop in the town then named after Orrin.



In 1903, Frank purchased land in Rhinelander between Kemp St. and the Pelican River, with plans for a new boat company.

Rhinelander being the forestry hub of the area where materials could be easily acquired, was surrounded by 239 lakes within a twelve mile radius, as well as hundreds of resorts throughout the Northwoods. Frank built a three-story boat manufacturing company on the banks of the Pelican River, calling it The Rhinelander Boat Company. It was incorporated on July 24, 1903, with Mr. Sayner at the helm, and investors Charles Peterson and John Barnes.

Frank had a line of row boats and launches, but also did custom work. One of the most extravagant examples was a 61' long, paddle wheeled boat with an 11-foot beam. Commissioned by Eugene Shepard, famous for his Hodag, the boat would take the name of the legendary creature, the S.S. Hodag. It was propelled by a 30 horse power engine, complete with cabins, galley and bathroom. Mr. Shepard intended to sail





buildings were single story with various parts of the factory separated from one another to prevent a repeat of the devastating fire. Unfortunately, business did not meet the anticipated mark, and for reasons entirely unknown, Frank left the company in 1908. The



Boat Company that long-time Rhinelander residents remember. Coincidentally, after it reopened, the company name was changed to The Oneida Boat Company, but continued using the former moniker in its production branding. William would take on partners around 1917, including a Mr. John D. Gilligan. The company would be incorporated as "The Rhineland Boat Company" in 1923. The details of ownership and name for accounting purposes over its decades in operation are not always clear, and in some cases conflicting, but we do know fine quality boats continued to be turned out at the Pelican River property.

The reconfigured Rhinelander Boat Company specialized in fishing boats, launches and canoes. In later years the company would make redwood canoe and boat seats, as well as other boating supplies such as paddles, oars, duck decoys, square life preservers filled with "Kapok," a plant fiber from South America, bronze rowboat fixtures, at least one model of sailboat, swimming floats and Aqua Planes, the latter being an early tow behind device used in the same manner on which you would go "tubing" today. The RBC did get into what we might deem "speed boats" today, with several sleek models designed for speed such as the "Rhinelander Rocket," the "Spee-Dee-Stepper" and the "Flying Cloud," in an attempt to keep up with the more powerful motors being produced. The company repaired early boat motors as well.

Sales materials listed a number of boats of varying styles and purposes as aforementioned. They boasted

this boat down the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers to the World's Fair in St. Louis, but the size of the vessel was impeded by the many dams on the Wisconsin River. This wondrous boat built by Mr. Sayner puttered around Boom Lake for a time, but its demise at its moors on Boom Lake was less than she deserved. The ship's bell would be salvaged from the boat, and would later become the rivalry trophy fought over by the Rhinelander and Antigo Football teams during the annual "Bell Game." This being just the short version, and another story for another time perhaps.

A fire destroyed Frank Sayner's boat factory in 1908 and for a couple of months investors debated the future of the company. They decided to rebuild, this time all the

factory was shuttered at that time, and the remaining boats and assets were to be sold. This almost spelled the end for the Rhinelander Boat Company, and was in fact the end of the first era of the outfit.

In 1910, a former employee of the company opened the boat maker under the same name, and so The Rhinelander Boat Company was revised under the management and ownership of William Cleveland. This is the Rhinelander

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that with a single stroke of the paddle a “Rhinelanders Boat ran true and with ease.” Hand crafted mostly with a white oak frame and white cedar strip hull, the white cedar tree being abundant in the Rhinelanders area, every boat was truly a work of art. One of their most famous models was the Guides Special, which most Northwoods fishing guides preferred, with “75% of area guides using them.” Description of the Guides Special was as follows:

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most famous fishing guides in the Northwoods was Porter “Barefoot” Dean, who owned several Rhinelanders guide boats. Resorts across the lakes region had fleets of Rhinelanders craft for guests to use and rent. Many famous persons preferred Rhinelanders Boats such as President Coolidge, who visited a lodge in Northern Wisconsin outfitted only with Rhinelanders Boats. In 1920, explorer Lewis R. Freeman chose a Rhinelanders boat for a journey on the Great Lakes from Milwaukee to New York. Dwight D. Eisenhower frequently visited the Northwoods on vacation before, during, and after his

presidency. He was said to have requested Rhinelanders boats for fishing outings when he visited.

The Rhinelanders Boat Company produced about 100 finely crafted vessels per year into the 1950’s before closing for good. With the advent of lighter aluminum and fiberglass boats, the wooden boat industry suffered and spelled doom for Rhinelanders Boats. Wooden boats, although much quieter than boats made of newer materials, required a lot of maintenance to keep them in working order. It is told that the forms and equipment from the company were sold off around 1955, and much of it was sadly consumed in a barn fire near Mercer in 1971, little of it surviving to-date. In turn these marvelous works of floating art have become prized possessions among antique boat collectors and can often be seen at antique boat shows such as one that takes place in Minocqua every summer.

Rhinelanders Boats harken back to a simpler time in the Northwoods when the call of the loon, sound of the paddle, and the plop of a cork float was all that could be heard on the lake. Times have certainly changed, but the desire to visit Northern Wisconsin for rest and relaxation has not. Despite the Rhinelanders Boat Company having been gone longer than it was in business, the name lives on in the annals of Northwoods history, and is remembered fondly amongst the many marine products manufacturers of Wisconsin.

The best place to learn about and see Rhinelanders Boats today is Duke’s Outboard Motor and Boat Museum, which is a part of Pioneer Park Historical Complex in Rhinelanders. Several wonderful examples are on display, including one of the legendary Porter Dean’s guideboats. The museum can be visited Memorial Day through September, annually.

So remember, next time you’re zipping along through one of our beautiful Northwoods lakes on your big pontoon, ski or bass boat, think of the amazing boating history that started right here, in Rhinelanders, Wisconsin!

*The items pictured on this page can be viewed at the Pioneer Park Historical Complex including the wooden implement below – a vice, and the green boat (at right) which was Porter Barefoot Dean's Guideboat.*





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# SPRING BIRD WATCHING: *For the Beginner*

**By Kerry Bloedorn**

*If you want to be happier this year, get yourself a bird feeder. There are a few things so simple, yet rewarding in this life as bird watching.*



**Oriole – Photo by Bev Engstrom**

birds visit your yard. In fact, just by learning about those two organizations, you're already a smarter "birder," and we've only gotten into the first paragraph of this article. Just drop those words into a conversation and people will think you own a pair of 100 power binoculars!

Part of the joy of bird watching is that you can learn as much, or as little, as you choose. All you need is a simple feeder, even the banister of your deck or scattered seed in your yard will do just fine. Once you begin feeding birds and see them come and go, you'll be hooked! There's something absolutely fascinating about seeing different birds visit your feeders and wondering about their individual lives. What has that little bird been up to? I wonder what kind it is? Where does it live? How does it survive the cold? I wonder where it came from? Where is it going? What is its favorite food? Birds can be an exercise for the brain in the best possible way.

Spring is a wonderful time to begin bird watching because so many different birds are migrating to and fro. The departure or arrival of birds marks the time of year and lets us know what season is coming and going. Birds that flew down from Canada to spend the winter in our more "moderate" climate, such as the cute little dark gray backed and white breasted Juncos, and flocking Redpolls with their adorable little red cap, will begin their journey north again. Birds that spent the winters down south will return to the



**Rose Breasted Grosbeak, Male – Photo by Bev Engstrom**

Northwoods, signaling that spring has in fact arrived! The study of nature and its habits in relation to the calendar is called Phenology, a word coined right here in Wisconsin at the Aldo Leopold Foundation (ALF). The ALF puts out a wonderful calendar every year on the topic.

The first Robin sighting, the first trill of a male Red-Winged Blackbird, the call of a Sandhill Crane, the honking of a flock of Canadian Geese flying in formation. These sights and sounds, whether we are birders or not, are ingrained in our psyche. Just hearing or seeing one of these winged creatures helps us to shake off the winter doldrums. I always tease that northern Wisconsin gets eighteen months of winter per year, and after making it through the long deep freeze that is a Wisconsin winter, birds can thaw our very soul out in an instant!



***Black-Capped Chickadee – Photo by Bev Engstrom***

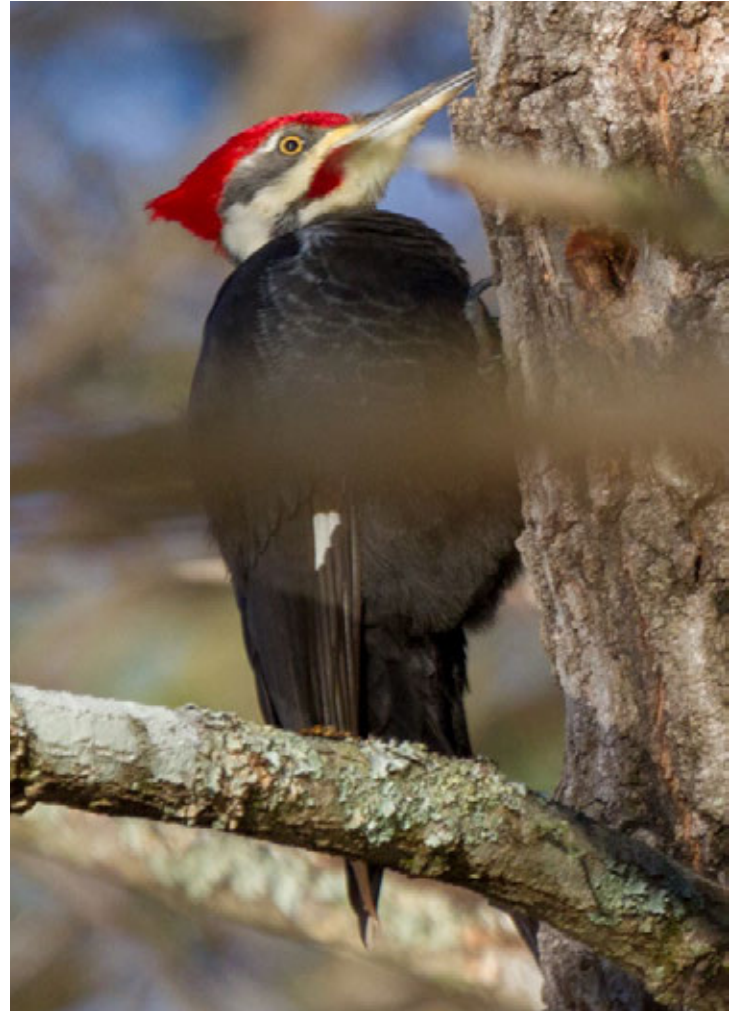


***Red-Winged Black Bird, Male – Photo by Jack Flint***

So, how does one go about inviting avian friends into our domain? It's easy! The only thing you need to get started is some black oil sunflower seeds, or any sunflower seeds for that matter, found at almost any store, from the feed store, or hardware store, to the grocery store. Often times, gas stations will even sell them. Sure, there are a variety of bird foods that attract different species, but sunflower seeds are universally enjoyed by almost all birds. It's helpful when you purchase some seeds to also pick up a cheap bird feeder. You can't go wrong with the classic tube style feeder. Of course the bird aisle at the store is full of different kinds of feeders, and any one will work great. You can always ask a clerk for assistance if you're not sure which to get. Purchase one you like and you'll be on your way. You can hang these on a tree branch, a shepherd's hook or use a screw-in hook to attach it under your eave.



***Hairy Woodpecker, Male – Photo by Bev Engstrom***



***Pileated Woodpecker, Male – Photo by Jack Flint***

Wherever you scatter your seed, or hang your feeder, put it in a place where you can watch it from a comfortable spot. Outside your living room, or a kitchen window are good places, so you can view the birds as you relax, go about preparing meals, or cleaning up. Or like I mentioned earlier, just scatter some seed on a deck railing or right in the yard. The birds will find it! As I mentioned previously, there are different feeds that you can purchase to attract different birds, but that you can learn as you go. I would say if you want to go to the next level right away, get yourself a few suet cakes and a suet feeder to hang on a tree as this will draw in the woodpeckers. Steer clear of the basic bags of bird seed which include millet and cracked corn as it ends up being more of a waste than anything. Sunflower seed husks can lead to a bit of a mess in the yard, so if that's a concern, you can use pre-hulled safflower seed, which works just as well as the black oil sunflower seed.



***Ruby Throated Hummingbird, Female – Photo by Jack Flint***

What kind of birds might you see? During the spring migration there are so many types of birds coming and going you won't have a hard time seeing plenty. There are a number of birds that hang around our neighborhood year-round, such as the ever present and friendly Black-Capped Chickadee, Gold Finches, Red and White Breasted Nuthatches performing their gravity defying upside down feeding techniques as they swoop in to grab a seed and take off to crack it open under cover of a nearby tree or shrub. Any number of woodpeckers can be seen in the Northwoods such as Downey and Hairy Woodpeckers, just to name a couple. A real treat is witnessing the largest woodpecker in North America, the Pileated Woodpecker, with its bright red crest, silent swooping flight pattern, and loud call betraying their approach. As the weather warms up we begin to see Robins arriving for the summer, jumping their way across the yard, and turning an ear to the ground to listen for worms waking up beneath the soil. In the early days of spring you

may get an occasional Red-Winged Black Bird trying to keep up its calories until their northern food sources begin to appear. A large number of passers-through like Evening or Rose Breasted Grosbeaks, or Yellow Rumped Warblers with their Zorro like black mask. My personal favorite migratory bird to see in the spring is the unmistakable Fox Sparrow. This reddish-brown bird, slightly smaller than a Robin, has a unique way of kicking over debris on the ground to turn up seeds and insects underneath. Colorful birds like orange Orioles or deep blue Indigo Buntings might visit before moving along to their summer nesting grounds. Before long, our summer birds will come along, such as the return of Doves, Swallows, Phoebe's, and the most anticipated, Ruby Throated Hummingbirds in May. This list could go on and on... more than 400 types of birds can be seen in Wisconsin.

Before long, seeing all kinds of birds will peak your desire to identify what kind of birds you're seeing. This leads me to the next bit of advice for a novice birder, finding a bird identification source. There is no shortage of Bird Identification Guides which can be found at local book stores or purchased online, but one can also use a handy app or web browser right on your phone. Just type in what the bird looks like and match it with the selection that appears, it's that easy! With the advancement of technology on our pocket computers, you can snap a quick photo and use an app such as Google Lens to quickly search and identify birds in a matter of seconds. Identifying and checking off the various birds that you see is all part of the fun!



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A few parting words before I wrap up your short lesson in Spring Bird Watching 101. Inevitably, your feeders will be discovered by other Northwoods wildlife – deer, squirrels and chipmunks primarily. Don't worry about it! Betty Meyers of Blue Lake just south of Minocqua, in her aged wisdom, used to tell me, "Everything needs to eat." So don't be discouraged or put off by squirrels on the feeder, or deer sneaking in to nibble on your bird feeders at dusk. It's ok! It's been a long winter for them too, and they are just as hungry as their winged forest friends. I've developed a system of scattering sunflower seeds in our wood line to keep the squirrels busy, which frees up the feeders for birds and keeps everyone happy. Remember, everything needs to eat! This time of year, our beloved black bears are waking up from hibernation, and they will be hungry! They will be on the hunt for a snack, ironically, for being such a large animal, they enjoy a treat of sunflower seeds or perusing a garbage bin before their summer forage is available. So it is prudent to bring your feeders in during the night and place them back out during the day, just until the leaves start popping. Once the grass starts greening up you won't have to worry about bears and you can leave your feeders out all the time.

In closing, get yourself a bird feeder and enjoy the bounty of birds our beautiful Northwoods has to offer us. Enjoy!



***Cedric Bloedorn filling feeder  
– Photo by Kerry Bloedorn***

*"We are blessed to live in the forests of Wisconsin with so many birds to view. We should count ourselves lucky to live in a place where the black bear, porcupine and wolf choose to roam." ~ Ced Vig*






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# HIKING & PHENOLOGY: TRAILS *of the* RHINELANDER AREA

By Dan Hagen and Kerry Bloedorn

**Phē·nol·o·gy** /fəˈnələjē/ Noun:

*“The study of cyclic and seasonal natural phenomena, especially in relation to climate and plant and animal life.”*

**Life in the Northwoods of Wisconsin can be looked at as a series of natural occurrences throughout the year that mark time and season. Migrating birds, the birth of wildlife, and the springing of plants. Residents of this area become attuned to nature in a way that seems quite normal, yet these events never cease to fascinate. This article includes a list of the area’s best walking and hiking trails as well as what to look, and listen for in nature as you enjoy the rejuvenating forests as spring turns into summer in the beautiful Northern Highland Region.**

**Holmboe Nature Preserve** – A short, but beautiful trail in the heart of Rhinelander featuring an old-growth hemlock forest, large white pine specimens and carpets of emerald green sphagnum moss. Quaint boardwalks traverse the low places of the trail and make for a magical walk through the woods. Its steep winding hills created by glaciers make for undulating terrain, creating an exciting yet pleasant hike. Its trailhead is tucked behind Riverview Hall, just off of Boyce Dr. near the confluence of the Pelican and Wisconsin Rivers. The trail is approximately a 1-mile loop with a slightly longer option.

Holmboe, with its many wetland hollows, ephemeral and spring-fed pools tucked between the winding esker of the property, will be full of snow melt and the unmistakable sound of spring peepers this time of year. This nocturnal chorus frog will begin “peeping” continuously through the evening and early night hours until it’s mating season is complete. They gather by the thousands, the sound of which can be almost deafening on an otherwise quiet night. They are a sure sign winter has turned the corner into spring.

**Hanson Lake** – A two-mile loop around Hanson Lake in Rhinelander with uneven terrain, a great spot for

swimming. Hanson Lake is a small undeveloped lake located on the east side of the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport, although once on the trail you’d never know you were hiking between the city and an airport. This area was logged in more recent decades and it features young forests with scattered open areas throughout. The trailhead is on Hanson Lake Rd., right off of Hwy 47.

Due to the number of young maples and poplars on the property it is a great location to see spring Trilliums popping up when the sun begins to warm the forest floor. Trilliums are one of Wisconsin’s most beloved flowers. Lying dormant below the soil surface, this rhizomatous plant can take 7-10



**Trillium** – Photo by Kerry Bloedorn

years to begin blooming, but once they do, can live for 25 years. The name Trillium comes from its arrangement of leaves, petals and sepals which all come in threes. They are one of the most easily recognizable flowers in

Wisconsin. Who doesn’t love a Trillium?

**Almon County Park** – Named after the property’s former owner, conservationist, naturalist and civil rights advocate, Dr. Lois Almon, it includes 2.25 miles of hiking trails inside the park. The wetland trail can sometimes have submerged portions during the spring, with alternate trails diverting around them. Drive into the park straight past the first parking area until the road loops around, then park your vehicle. Look for the large rock and placard honoring Dr. Almon, then look for the sign directing you to the trail.

Dr. Almon was a wonderful woman who led nature hikes for the public through her property. She donated the land to the County for its residents and visitors to enjoy and cherish. She was ever fond of the delicate plants and abundant wildlife that call the Northwoods home. These trails are a wonderful place to see nature springing to life after a long winter. Home to a number of nesting avian species it is the perfect place to go bird watching. Keep your eyes peeled for Pileated Woodpeckers, with an opportunity to see warblers and kinglets. Along the wetland trail’s boardwalk, take notice of the Northern Pitcher Plants that grow on the edge of the bog pond.



**Northern Pitcher Plant –**  
*Photo by Kerry Bloedorn*

### **Washburn Lake Silent Sports Trails –**

Criss-crossing trails through stands of birch, maple, aspen, and pines, with plenty of hills, 12 miles in total, located in Woodboro. Take Hwy. K seven miles west of Rhinelander to Washburn Lake Rd. to Trout Creek Rd. and finally to the trailhead located on County Park Rd.

The Washburn Trails travel near Perch Lake, a small spring-fed lake with a population of trout, bass and abundant in panfish. These fish will be voracious after ice-out and trout will often be seen leaping out of the lake to eat insects emerging after winter. These fish will be spawning soon and need all the energy they can get. They can be seen in “nests” in the shallow waters of the lake once the waters begin to warm.

**McNaughton Lake Trail** – 13 miles of trails in Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, that traverses around McNaughton Lake. This 5-mile loop has large gradual hills and views overlooking the lake. The trailhead is off of Kildeer Rd. near Lake Tomahawk.

A highlight of this trail is the bench located deep into the trail on Helen Lake. This serene spot is the perfect location to just stop and listen. Listen for drumming of woodpeckers. Frogs awakening from hibernation. Fish splashing. If you’re very quiet, you can almost hear the buds on the trees emerging. This scenic trail reminds us why we love to live in and visit this area.

**Nicolet College** – A short loop meandering through the woods on the Nicolet College campus west of Rhinelander. The trailhead

is the first parking area after the road becomes a one-way. Trail begins on the right side of the road and is marked.

This trail is a wonderful little spot to witness the emergence of woodland ferns. Starting as small shoots from the ground they will quickly grow tall before unfurling into beautiful green fans that grace the forest floor. Along this trail, the unique Maiden Hair Fern can be found. This wondrous fern takes advantage of the sunlight beaming through the drowsy maple trees in spring until the upper



**Emerging Fern – Photo by Kerry Bloedorn**

canopy envelopes the forest in shade where the Maiden Hair Fern can thrive in low light conditions for the summer.

**CAVOC Trails** – Five miles of challenging trails that loop through the forest, fun low ropes course near the main building complex as well as a custom wooden children’s playground. The entrance to the campus is off of South Shore Dr., with the trailhead near the main parking area.

Named after Cedric A. Vig, notable naturalist and longtime Rhinelander school administrator, he also wrote a series of articles entitled *Wisconsin Woodsmoke* whereby Phenology was his specialty. This time of year Ced might tell us of the opportunity to see one of spring’s

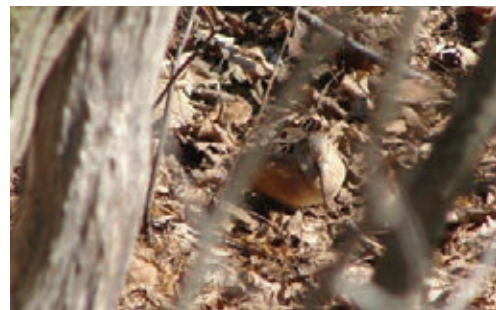


**Marsh Marigolds – Photo by Kerry Bloedorn**

earliest plants, Bloodroot, coming up from the ground, followed soon after by yellow Marsh Marigolds throughout the wetlands, both of which can be seen on the CAVOC trail system. He might also remind us to keep our eyes open for passing Tundra Swans that nest in Canada and travel through Wisconsin from their wintering grounds down south. They often stop at Long Lake at CAVOC during their journey north.

**Enterprise County Forest** – Four- and seven-mile loops with some hilly terrain, this primitive trail system meanders through stands of maple and also hemlock groves, some concluded to be over 600 years old. The trailhead is located about 8 miles south of Rhinelander on County Rd. G.

This is one of the few trails on our list where you can freely take your canine companion. On this trail you might flush a grouse hiding in the brush. You might even hear the bizarre “meep” of the American Woodcock. This short legged,



**Woodcock – Photo by Kerry Bloedorn**

long beaked ground fowl performs a strange mating ritual in the spring whereby it shoots straight into the sky then spirals back to earth while making a chirping noise. This flight display is a real treat for anyone out hiking near forest clearings as the sun is setting.

Our area is blessed with wonderful hiking trails and an abundance of nature to explore. Get out there this spring and enjoy it!

*\*Safety Tip: Always let someone know where you’ll be hiking, when you are departing, and a time when you plan to return, and don’t forget to let that person know when you do. It is recommended to always hike with a partner when possible. A safe hike, is a fun hike!*



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# A DAY FOR MOTORS AND MAKERS

*Art Fair, Car Show, Bikes & Burgers*

**By Lauren Sackett, Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director**

The decades long tradition of three signature Rhinelander events continues this summer Saturday, June 11. Rhinelander will be filled with familiar sights – art, craft and food vendors showing their handmade goods. And familiar sounds – like the hum of a motor.

Make plans to explore Rhinelander for a day of *Motors and Makers* – a collaboration of three signature Rhinelander events – the Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn, the Rhinelander Car Show and Bikes & Burgers – which are hosted by the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Rhinelander Inc.

## **35th Annual Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn**

The beautiful and historic Oneida County Courthouse is the perfect backdrop for a day of shopping for a variety of arts and crafts that are handmade by local makers. The Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

“The Art Fair is a premier event for local makers to sell their arts and crafts,” said Rachel Boehlen, Rhinelander Chamber Events & Program Coordinator. “We have makers sharing



everything from metal art to paintings, photography to hand knit items, and so much more.”

The Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn features over 100 art, craft and food vendor booths, a local music performance, and admission is completely FREE.

## **24th Annual Rhinelander Car Show**

Cars from all across the country make their way to Baird Avenue behind the Oneida County Courthouse for the annual Rhinelander Car Show – a show that has more than doubled in size since 2015. In 2022, Car Show organizers Linda Krebsbach and Dick Jennejohn, hope to welcome 200 cars – pre-registration only.

“Last year, with the uncertainty that COVID brought us, we capped our show at 140 registrations,” shared Linda Krebsbach. “This year we are excited to announce that we have increased our cap to 200 cars.”

Through the years, as the show has grown, new elements have been added. Most recently – the “Car That





Caught Our Eye” – a special recognition that features one car on the event’s logo and t-shirt for the coming year. The 2022 “Car That Caught Our Eye” is a 1937 Ford Sedan, bright green in color, owned by Bill & Susan Melchi from St. Germain.

In addition to the sights and sounds of the cars between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., attendees can expect childrens activities hosted by St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, music and announcements by Big Dog DJ Service, and watch the trophy ceremony at 2 p.m.

### 5th Annual Bikes & Burgers

Downtown Rhinelander Inc. is hosting its 5th Annual Bikes & Burgers event! Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., enjoy a stroll

through our beautiful downtown while looking at amazing 2- and 4-wheeled artistic cycles and build up your appetite for a real American burger from one of our great participating restaurants or pubs.

Rev up those motors and get your motorcycle ready to show! Cycles of all kinds are accepted as entries and trophies will be awarded in 4 classes – American, Metric, Vintage (1970 or older), and Special Interest (Dirt, UTV, Minibike, Bicycle, Pocket Bike, Spider).

### And More!

While these three signature events are going on, there are many more things to participate in. Typically, the second Saturday in June events also includes the Hodag Farmers Market at Pioneer Park, a Masonic Lodge Pancake Breakfast and the Master Gardeners’ Plant sale in Stevensport Square.

To learn more about sponsoring, vending, participating or attending any of the three signature events, contact the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce at (715) 365-7464 or visit [www.RhinelandChamber.com](http://www.RhinelandChamber.com).



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# TIME TO START

## Gardening

By Peter Zambon

Spring in the Northwoods is an exciting time. With each passing day the sun feels just a little bit stronger, a little bit brighter. We put away our heavy down jackets and crawl out of winter hibernation. Snow melts, lakes begin to open up one by one, and the smell of soil returns to our noses as it too, reawakens. As our corner of the Earth brightens, so do we. This is especially true in the case of the creature known as the gardener. As soon as the new year comes, gardeners begin counting seeds instead of sheep at night. By the Spring equinox in March, gardeners start to get restless, and they are already rearing seedlings in a sunny window or greenhouse. All in anticipation of bringing them outside after the last frost date, which is around the first week of June in Oneida County. Whether you want try out a couple tomato plants on the back porch, a sunflower or two to bring smiles on cloudy days, or a garden that will fill the salad bowl all summer and the pantry for winter, gardening is a great way to get outside in the fresh air and learn skills that deepen our connection to the land that we depend on to survive.



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But where do you start? While gardening can be a humble and simple act, starting with a plan will increase both your harvest and the fun you will have along the way. One of the first practical matters in growing a garden is deciding where to plant seeds. There are a multitude of factors to consider, and they will change somewhat depending on what one decides to grow. Generally, seek out a location with 6 hours of direct sunlight on a summer day that is relatively flat. If your backyard is sloped, constructing raised beds that can be built level, or growing in containers will be the most practical options. Heavy rains can easily devastate a sloped garden by eroding soil and carrying it downhill. A great option for those who don't have a backyard, is to join a community garden. Joining a community garden is a great option for beginning gardeners as they typically provide shared resources in the form of tools, expert knowledge, as well as offering compost and mulch, usually for a small fee. Although there is not a standard model for community gardens, they are



generally very affordable, or free to those who are financially constrained. The newly constructed Northwoods Community Garden in Rhinelander is one of many in the northwoods. It provides 10'x20' plots at a rate of \$40/season and 4 hours of volunteer time. Another advantage to joining a community garden, such as the NCG, is that the site will likely have been chosen carefully in order to maximize sun exposure. Beyond the advantages of a good site and shared resources, it can be a lot of fun to grow in a space where you are not all by yourself. Garden parties, pot lucks, and gardening classes all make participating in a community garden an especially rewarding and enjoyable way to get into this healthy hobby.

After you have chosen your gardening space, it's time to think about what you would like to see sprouting up. A good place to start is with something you like to eat or a plant you find particularly beautiful. Do you have a favorite flower or

vegetable? If you are lucky, it will be something that can grow well in the local climate. Another approach is to think of a food dish you enjoy, and grow some or all of the ingredients. A salsa garden is a go-to for many gardeners. One great thing about a salsa garden is that you can make a fresh bowl right out of the garden, and also preserve some in jars to enjoy during the cold winter months. When determining how many seeds or plants to buy, remember to consider the space required for each plant. This is usually printed on the name tag for a purchased seedling, or printed on the label of seed packets. If you are like me, and find it difficult to give plants the amount of space recommended on the label, remember they will be sprawling before you know it! That said, with some crops, you can indeed plant with much tighter spacing. Crops that can be eaten in 'baby' form are great options for gardeners who want to maximize planting space and harvests. Carrots are a favorite for planting densely. Starting the carrot harvest early by periodically 'thinning' the rows throughout growth keeps them from overcrowding each other. By taking a few here and there each week, one can enjoy many weeks of carrot harvests. It is a good idea to map out the rows or zones of your planting space before buying seeds and plants. That way you will not run short when planting day arrives, nor will you spend more than necessary on seeds or plants that will have no home.

Tools are another necessity of gardening that will require some investment, but the necessities can be acquired on a shoe-string budget. At a minimum, a shovel, a rake, a hoe, and a watering can will suffice. Beyond the minimum, a few other items can really improve the gardening experience: plant markers so you know who is who, string to form straight rows, a trowel for more precise digging work. I also strongly recommend a sun hat with a wide circular brim to provide shade. It is a simple luxury worth every penny. A good place to find most of these items is a garage sale. Often, people will be happy to get rid of tools to make more space in their garage for a fraction of what they would cost new. Furthermore, older items are often higher quality than what can be found affordably in the hardware store or garden shop.

### Soil Prep

Once you have an idea of where and what you want to grow, the next step is to give your plants the right conditions to lay down roots and thrive. When it comes to soil prep, there are probably as many approaches as there are leaves on a tree, and for good reason. The nutrients and physical structure of the soil are so variable, that nearly every garden will have unique soil conditions. At a minimum, it is recommended to test the pH level of your soil. Test kits can be quite reasonably priced, and are available at local garden centers. It can be

tempting and even enjoyable to seek out soil perfection with products and comprehensive (read: expensive) soil tests. If you happen to be a master gardener, an engineer, or are just fascinated by the intricacies of soil health, I commend you and encourage you to pursue the multitude of possibilities. For myself, and other beginning gardeners, a simpler, less daunting solution will suffice: compost. One can grow a wonderful garden amending the soil with nothing more than high quality compost. Composting is a natural process that recycles organic matter such as yard waste and food scraps into usable garden fertilizer. It contains a well balanced ratio of the basic nutrients required for plant growth. In my opinion, it is the perfect soil amendment for a beginning gardener who isn't ready to invest in fancy soil testing. There are two (actually many) reasons it's so great. First, its balanced composition prevents over fertilizing and burning plants with too much fertilizer. It is fun to feed your plants, and compost



keeps it that way by avoiding the stress and exactitude needed with concentrated fertilizers. The second reason compost is a go-to soil amendment is its ability to help balance soil water retention. Whether you have been blessed with beautiful silty loam, sieve like sand, or heavy clay, compost will be friends with your soil. Lets say your backyard has a heavy clay composition, compost will loosen and open pathways for water to drain through more easily, preventing garden beds from flooding and suffocating plant roots. Although it might be surprising, compost helps sandy soils in just the opposite way by improving their ability to retain moisture. Implemented in sandy soils the organic matter in compost acts like a sponge to retain water.

It is important to find compost from a reputable source with a base of happy customers. This is because unless the compost has been properly managed, it will almost certainly contain weed seeds that could spoil the garden party. Buying from a trusted source will help avoid this nuisance. In my garden I use compost made by Hsu Garden Supply. It is produced nearby in Wausau, and available locally at Hanson's Garden Village near Rhinelander. Generally speaking, plan to add between 1-4 inches of compost to a garden bed in spring and fall, although once per year is sufficient. After adding this layer, work the compost in several inches deep, with a hoe or small tiller. When using compost in a container garden, use  $\frac{1}{4}$  compost and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of soilless potting mix.

Once you have prepared the soil in your container, raised bed, or garden plot, it is time to get to the fun part: planting! Whether you are planting from seed or transplanting seedlings from a local nursery, planting is an exciting moment in a spring garden. Into each little hole in the ground we place good intentions and hope into the earth and hope mother nature will respond to our efforts bountifully. Luckily, most seed catalogs and garden centers share some information to help our good intentions bring lush harvests. The information on seed packets will usually include information on how deep to plant, how far apart to space seeds, required soil temperature for germination, how long the plant will need to reach full maturity, and how cold or heat tolerant the plant will be. By taking these factors into account, you can determine which seeds to plant in early spring and which plants should be started after the danger of a frost has passed. When transplanting seedlings it is important to help them get accustomed to the outdoor conditions gradually, over a week or two. This process is known as hardening off, and is necessary when plants begin their lives in a greenhouse or a sunny window. Begin by putting your plant outside for just a couple hours of dappled sun under an eave or a shady tree. On the second day, give them 2-3 hours of full sun. Continue giving them an hour more sunlight for several more days. In about a week your plants will be ready to stay outside day and night, as long as there is no danger of frost.

With these basic guidelines, you can feel confident that you will start your garden season off on the right foot. The Rhinelander District Library is home to a local seed library where you can find interesting seeds, many of which are acclimatized to our local climate. For more information and tutorials on gardening, [www.northwoodscommunitygarden.com](http://www.northwoodscommunitygarden.com) has videos on a variety of gardening topics. A great, free, comprehensive resource on beginning gardening is, Got Dirt? A Garden Toolkit, available in PDF form online at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p4/p40112.pdf>



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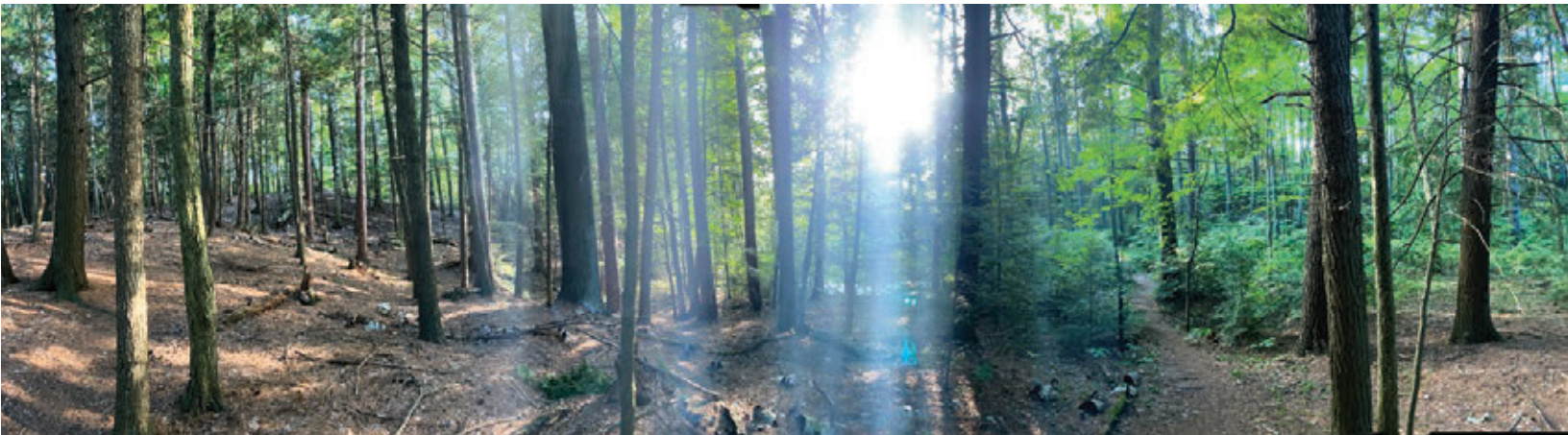
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# MAPLE SYRUP

## *A Spring Ritual*

**By Dan Hagen**

For five generations the Solin family has been harvesting maple sap on their Antigo-area land. Jeremy Solin says making maple syrup is a spring ritual.

“One of the things that we love about tapping trees is that when you get through these cold temperatures and you’re full of angst to get outside it’s a great way to do that, to be out in the woods as everything comes to life.”

During the winter, trees are dormant. But when air temperatures rise, trees prepare for an opportunity to grow during the summer. To do this, trees push sap out to branches, providing an energy source for growth. So when a tree is punctured during spring, sap will ooze out from the wound.

Years ago, Solin turned his family’s tradition into a booming business. Tapped Maple Syrup specializes in flavor-infused maple syrup, such as cinnamon, espresso,



***Jeremy Solin stirs the syrup.***

ginger, and red pepper.

“Way more than just pancakes, that’s kind of our motto. Maple syrup is great in

cocktails, yogurts, ice cream, and culinary applications.”

Maple syrup is highly nutritious as well.

It is densely packed with antioxidants, zinc, magnesium, calcium and potassium. Maple syrup has a higher concentration of antioxidants than honey, and fewer calories.



Solin said maple syrup is a largely untapped market. Last year there were about 850,000 maple trees tapped statewide – that's less than one percent of available trees in the state. Solin sees an opportunity for boosting the state's economy in a sustainable and local way.

"One of the reasons we started Tapped was to be able to keep land in our family so when I think about that multiplied across the state – there's a great opportunity to build local economies

***Jeremy Solin  
fills bottles one  
at a time on the  
family farm.***

around maple syrup and help landowners generate money off their land."

And it's simple to do. Solin said it only takes a drill and other items that might be lying around the house.

"All you need is some really basic equipment, as long as you can put a hole in a tree and have a spout in there and some way to collect it with a bucket. And then you can cook over a fire in your backyard."

The Wisconsin Maple Syrup Producer's Association has more information on how to get started harvesting maple syrup. Go to [wismaple.org](http://wismaple.org) to learn more. You can find Tapped Maple Syrup products at Golden Harvest and CT's Deli in Rhinelander, or shop online.





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# NORTHWOODS ARTIST

## Bob Metropulos

By Dan Hagen

It's a slow morning for Bob Metropulos at Parkside Gallery in Minocqua. Though that's to be expected this time of year. Spring is a chance for Metropulos to take a deep breath and get ready for the summer season. But whether his store is busy or not, Metropulos always has one thing on his mind: painting.



"I'm very passionate about what I do and I can't stop thinking about it," said Metropulos. "Even at home or driving down the road I'm always thinking about what I'm going to do next or how I'll execute my next painting."

Metropulos says he's always had a knack for art – something he attributes to his dyslexia. While most would consider it a disability, he considers it a gift.

"Everything is a tradeoff. Without dyslexia I don't think I'd be doing what I'm doing. I use it to my advantage. I'm more of a visual person and I relay my feelings and expressions through art."

Metropulos came to the Northwoods in 1979 specializing in charcoal drawings. He became captivated in the area's natural beauty, and eventually moved to oil-based paintings so he could better capture the colors around him. He now works mostly with acrylic paints. In 1981, Metropulos opened Parkside Gallery in Minocqua. Even on a slow day, like today, his business is undoubtedly still gaining momentum.

"Last year was phenomenal. In 41 years, this is the biggest year we've ever had."

Metropulos says he owes much of his success to a core group of customers that keep coming back. He's been doing a lot of commission work, where patrons give him a picture or an idea and he creates it. Metropulos is also seeing boosted revenue in printing and framing, although supply



chain issues are becoming a thorn in his side. There was a time where customers would pick a frame and it would ship in a couple days. Now Metropulos has to ask the customer for their top three choices and hope one works out.

“Nine times out of ten the customer’s first choice is discontinued or out of stock or the subcontractor folded because of the Covid situation.”

He’s hoping supply issues get sorted out soon, but even so, his core business of painting is going strong. At 64 years old, he’s still taking home statewide awards.

Metropulos won first place in the DNR’s turkey stamp design competition. Last year he won the pheasant stamp design competition.


“It’s an honor to win. It’s something to shoot for as an artist. It also lets your peers know that you’re active and working hard.”

While Metropulos has every intention of working hard for many more years, he’s thinking about retiring from the business end of his gallery. But painting will always be in his life.


“I will be painting until I can’t hold a brush.”




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# NORTHWOODS MUSIC

## Santy and Son



**By Kerry Bloedorn**

Versatile. If I were to describe Santy and Son in a single word, that's the one I would pick. Flowing seamlessly between Fleetwood Mac and Outkast, this two-man, recently turned four-piece group plays music everyone loves, without sacrificing their originality and individual musicality. A challenge that they rise to, and exceed. If you're looking to see a great band and have a fun night out, you have to see Santy and Son!

The origins of Santy and Son go back more than five decades when Jeff Santy began a lifelong dream of playing music. He knew at a very young age he would be a musician. Jeff's life as a performer is notable, and I highly recommend his book "Gigs and Guitars: Stories of a Part Time Rocker" for a good read. But music wasn't his sole gig as he had a wonderful career in education. Known to many as "Mr. Santy," Rhinelander High School English teacher, he was described to me as being "the best teacher I ever had," by several former students I talked to.

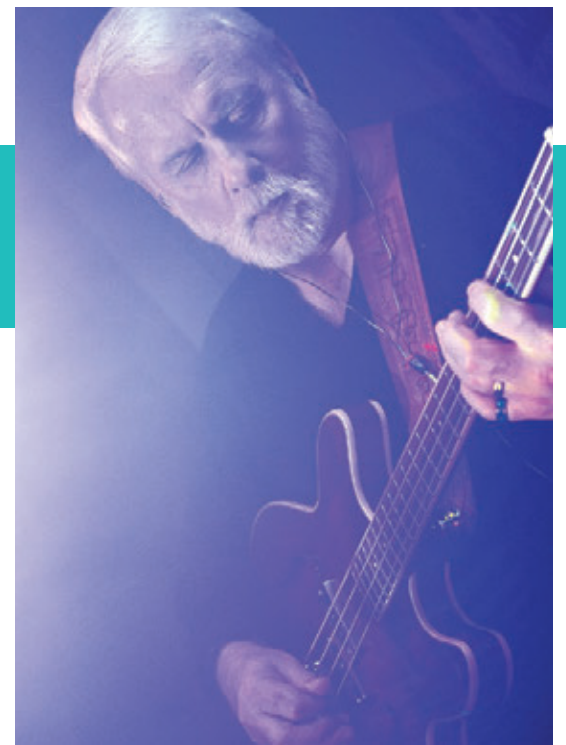
Now we know a little about the "Santy," then comes "and son." The apple did not fall far from the tree, as Jeff's son John would also become a musician. The seeds planted while growing up in a house filled with music, the sapling did soak up the sun and water of his father's music lessons, and as the tree grew, surpassed his father's expectations. As trees often do, John stretched his limbs, eventually attending college at UW Stevens Point, pursuing a degree whilst becoming a phenomenal guitar player, song writer and vocalist in his own right. After John left home for college, Jeff started

"Tunesmith Academy," and began teaching other young folks how to play music, and more than that, helped them start bands together. His very own School of Rock. That venture would come full circle in more ways than one.

John would also become an educator like his dad, returning home to Rhinelander to work as a junior high school teacher. This father and son duo had played music together for John's entire life, so it seemed only natural that they start a band together. In 2012 they began performing as "Santy and Son," with Jeff on bass and John on guitar. The musical

chemistry they developed over many decades is one that can only be found between a father and son, built on love and mutual respect, which is evident in their performances. Jeff and John would lead various iterations of Santy and Son, at times incorporating a drummer in the mix, all the while building up a reputation as a fun band, playing "pop music in the jazz tradition" as John puts it, where certainly the songs they choose have a formula, but still allow them to express themselves musically. They discovered a way of melding rock and roll classics, and current pop hits into a set that people of all ages and music tastes could enjoy, and it works extremely well. Like I said, versatile. Many bands try this route but few can pull it off as well as Santy and Son.

About a year ago, Jeff and John wanted to up the ante of their father-son duo. Jeff had heard one of his music students from Tunesmith was back in town, so they invited Peter Kotarba to join them on drums. Peter is a studious and dynamic drummer that helps to emphasize Jeff and John's musicianship. Had you not known he was relatively new to the band, you might think he was another of Jeff's sons, and having learned





in the same basement that John did, you wouldn't be terribly far off. To round out the group, female vocalist and also Tunesmith alum Eileen Emond joined the group approximately six months ago, and much like Peter, slid into her position as if she'd always been there. Whereas John had done a lot of the vocal work for Santy and Son, Miss Emond picked up much

of the singing duties, leaving John and Jeff available to work with harmonies and focus on the string section. Although John retains his position as lead singer on many songs, Eileen carries the lead vocals on more than half their current repertoire. The addition of Peter and Eileen have taken Santy and Son to an even higher level, and in some ways have reinvented the group in the best way possible.

At a recent gig of theirs at H2H Public House, formerly the Flyin' Finn on Hwy. 47 just north of Rhinelander, they set the tone for an absolutely fantastic evening of dancing and fun. Again, showing their versatility by performing everything from "Love Shack" by the B-52s to "Lady Marmalade" from the *Moulin Rouge* soundtrack, not allowing themselves to be boxed in by any one genre or era of music. This allows people of all ages and tastes to enjoy a night of music. Jeff and Peter form a rock solid backline while John exhibits his chops on guitar and on the mic when needed. Eileen is proof that big lungs can fit into a petite frame as she belted out every song with power and finesse. She also plays a cowbell that would satisfy Christopher Walken. Each member brings different musical influences and talents to the group, making them stand out in the local music scene. Everyone knows you're going to have a good night out with Santy and Son.

Check out one of their upcoming gigs by visiting Santy and Son on Facebook. Original Santy and Son music can also be found on popular streaming services.



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*Our Promise-To Strengthen the Foundations of Community*

## ***Ryan Zietlow and Stephanie Dahlquist***

Back in 1844 a young man named George Williams and 11 of his friends founded the very first YMCA in London, England. At the time of the industrial revolution in London, young men were moving from rural areas to take jobs in the new world that was being created. This world led to tenement housing and dangerous social influences for young men. George sought to create a supportive community to help young men like himself address pressing social challenges. The basis, to strengthen the foundation of his community. Around 178 years later your YMCA of the Northwoods looks to achieve the same.

As a non-profit organization the Y is committed to empowering people to reach their full potential, to improving well-being, inspiring action, strengthening communities and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to become healthier, more confident, connected and secure.

We do this through: Youth Development-nurturing the potential of every child and teen, Healthy Living-supporting the health and wellbeing of our community, and Social Responsibility-giving back and providing support to our friends and neighbors.

In 1998 our YMCA of the Northwoods was incorporated by a dedicated group of community members who saw need in our Rhinelander community. Services for youth, adults, families, and seniors were lacking. In 2004 after a fundraising campaign our building was built.



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**While the building is often called the “Y” it really is just brick and mortar.  
That brick and mortar is a vehicle to further our mission and the impact  
we have on our friends and neighbors. What truly makes the Y is the people.**

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Today our Y reaches approximately 6,000 people from our community each year with nearly 150,000 visits from members and those in our community. Childcare, afterschool programming, youth sports, family classes, group exercise, senior programs and more. The Y serves all from birth on, from all ages and from all walks of life. We do this to strengthen the foundation of our community.

Over the past year our support to the community and those around us has grown due to need. As

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a non-profit we do not turn anyone away from the inability to pay, ensuring that all can belong in the life-changing programs and services the Y provides.

**That financial support and scholarships totaled over \$275,000 last year.** Where does that go:

- **\$78,700 supporting our senior population.**

Ensuring that healthy living keeps our seniors active. Ensuring that no senior feels the social isolation in our community.

- **\$43,500 in assistance to our youth and families in membership, classes and other programs.**

This gives all families a chance to provide experiences for our youth and their family to thrive.

- **\$55,800 to community partners and organizations.** From partnership benefits, auction items and more, we stand beside those in our community.

- **\$81,200 in financial assistance for afterschool programming, summer day camp and child care.** We know that finding a quality place for children can be a challenge, and a financial burden. We look to take the support our community gives us and invest back into those that need us the most.

- **\$18,900 for thanking those that served in our armed forces or roles of first responders.** One small way we can all collectively appreciate the hard work and sacrifices they have given for us all.

How is this possible? Each year the Y runs various fundraising events as well as our Annual Support Campaign. These charitable gifts are critical to the Y being successful and providing support. By supporting the Y you support community!

One of those events is our annual Denim & Diamonds Fundraising Gala. Dubbed the “Party with a Purpose” all proceeds from this event go toward the Y’s Annual Support Campaign, providing scholarships and programming for those in the Northwoods who would not otherwise have access to healthy programs and services.

This party with a purpose kicks off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by raffles and auctions. The evening includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, complimentary wine, beer, and soda, a cash bar, live entertainment, dancing, 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, and auctions.

Show up in your best denim, or your shiniest diamonds and make an impact! For more information please contact Stephanie Dahlquist at [sdahlquist@ymcanw.org](mailto:sdahlquist@ymcanw.org) or 715-362-9622, ext.104.







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# HAPPENINGS *in the* NORTHWOODS

## ANNUAL BOOM LAKE FISHEREE

The Rhinelander Lions Club held its annual Fisheree at Boom Lake on February 12. While it was a very cold day, warm smiles kept everyone in good spirits.



Devin Biggs



Dan Hagen

The New North Team: Tom Barnett, Kerry Bloedorn, Jaclene Tetzlaff, Dan Hagen



Pete and Danielle Miller



Beth Ives, Pete Miller, Todd Mosher, Danielle Miller

## BIRKEBEINER CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE

Meanwhile, north of here. . . The Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski Race was happening in Cable, Wisconsin on February 26. Several skiers from Rhinelander participated.



Dan Hagen



Mitch Mode and John Nienstaedt



Mitch Mode

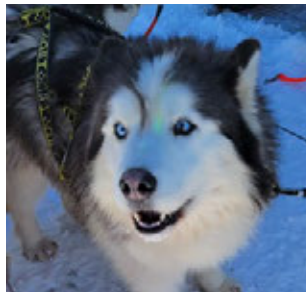
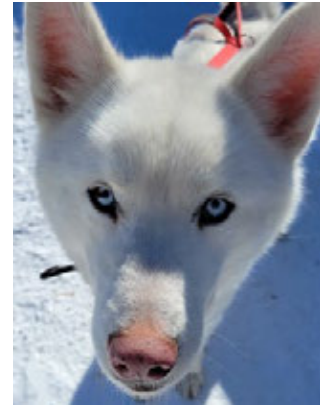
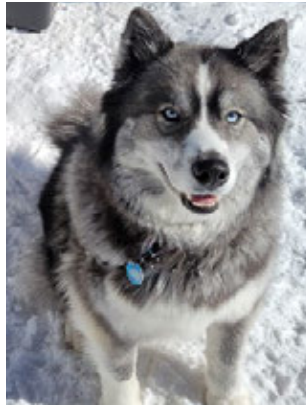


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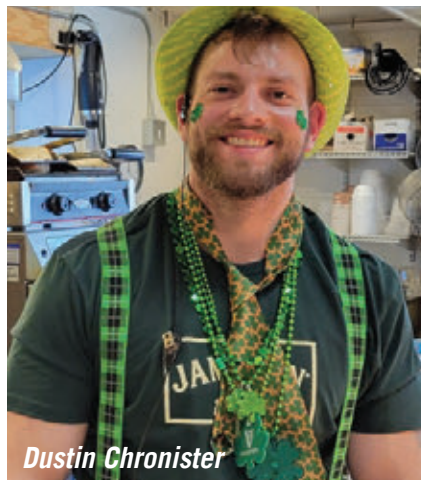
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## HEAL CREEK DOG DASH

The Heal Creek Dog Dash rolled into town to great reviews February 26. The day was beautiful, the dogs were gorgeous celebrities, and the races were exciting and fast-paced.



**Aaron Schultz**



**Dustin Chronister**



**Julie and Dave Streber**



**Dale Schlieve, Jaclene Tetzlaff, Tim Rhelan**

## ST. PATTY'S DAY PARADE

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# NORTHWOODS POETRY

## *Least Means Most*

BY WOODSY

In tune with myself, and the memories that swirl over my head.  
I think euphorically of the little things that make me.  
A petunia, weeping dew, awaiting the sun from behind a willow tree's eerily hanging hands.  
A simple sight set on my heart, tickling between beats to maintain my smile.  
Unsheathed toes breeze past blades of bluegrass.  
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