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Welcome back!

That's the theme of this issue. You'll read about it in Dan and Kerry's stories of hibernating animals and migratory birds who return into circulation up here in the Northwoods. Kerry also tells the tales of historic Northwoods camps to which kids returned year after year. Bob Weigandt gives us expert advice for spring fishing as the hungry fish come to the surface for a big meal. And, Peter Zambon tells us how to grow early lettuce greens for a tasty treat.

As the snow melts and the hearty folks once again trek through the woods, march in the St. Pat's Parade, and prepare for a season of frivolity in the outdoors, spring offers every opportunity to enjoy!

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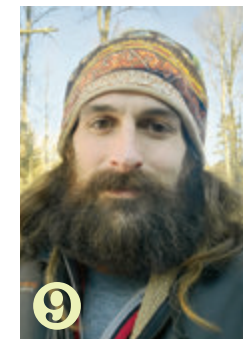
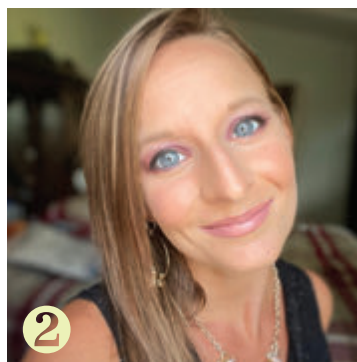
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RHINELANDER AREA KIDS CAMPS:

Past & Present

By **Kerry Bloedorn**

The Timeless Northwoods of Wisconsin

People have always felt close to nature in Northern Wisconsin. Throughout the hustle and bustle of modern times, the Northwoods has retained an element of “time standing still”. An experience that people still seek today.

At the turn of the 20th Century, as rural Northern Wisconsin’s population began to rise, it also saw an influx of urban dwellers looking for a break from city life. During the early 1900’s the golden era of Northwood’s resorts began. It was at that time children’s summer camps were also developed.

As much has changed in the last 100 years, much has remained the same from the earliest days of children’s summer camps. Kids don’t arrive by train anymore, but camps have retained the idea that when young people are able to spend time in nature, enveloped in the pine scented air, clear lakes, flora and fauna of the Northwoods, they are better for it. Truly, there is no place quite like summer camp!

What follows is a short history of the children’s camps within a 15-mile radius of Rhinelander.

Camp Bryn Afon

The Rhinelander area’s history of summer camps starts with Lotta B. Broadbridge. A social worker, and

school principal from Detroit, Miss Broadbridge searched the forests for a perfect spot to start a summer camp for girls. She found an ideal location on the shores of Stone Lake just east of Rhinelander. With \$100 in the bank, she pitched her dream to a group of Rhinelander businessmen who were taken by her ambition, and they loaned her the money to buy the property. She purchased the land in 1918, and renamed the lake, Snowden, and her camp, Bryn Afon, after Mount Snowdon and the Bryn Afon Estate in Wales, a place she had visited as a young lady. At the time, a train stop on the Soo Line allowed passengers to disembark at what is now the ghost town of Roosevelt, near the camp property. Camp Bryn Afon for girls had many campers from affluent families in Detroit in its early days. As the camps popularity grew, it attracted people from all over the country, and became a model camp in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. The camp complex included many of the features we think of at summer camp; a beautiful lodge, cabins, swim area, all in a natural setting where girls could build confidence, adventurous spirits, and independence. Bryn Afon was famously known for its annual Water Carnival, featuring canoe races and boat parades, which the public was invited to attend. One of Bryn Afon’s notable camp counselors was Betty



Camp Bryn Afon House Boat



Camp Bryn Afon Founder
Lotta B Broadbridge with
Joan Hadley Brossey



Camp Bryn Afon Main Gate 1930s



Camp Deerhorn Archery 1950's



Camp Deerhorn Sailing Crew



Camp Horseshoe Counselors Greet Buses of Campers to Camp

Bloomer, later first lady Betty Ford, wife of President Gerald Ford.

Lotta Broadbridge retired in 1964, selling her beloved camp to Joan Hadley Brossey, a former camper. Ms. Brossey continued to run Camp Bryn Afon, and maintained its traditions for 10 years. Then after more than 55 years as a girls camp, the Bryn Afon chapter came to a close as it was sold in 1975.

Camp Deerhorn

In 1922, Lotta Broadbridge, proprietor of Camp Bryn Afon, started a second camp on nearby Moen Lake, a boy's camp called Camp Ty-Glyn. Her younger brother Don Broadbridge had worked at Bryn Afon during the summers, and took a keen interest in camp operations. Don had a career as a notable dentist in Grosse Point, Michigan. In 1930, "Doctor Don" took over Lotta's camp on Moen Lake, and it was renamed Camp Deerhorn. In 1932 the camp was moved to North Pelican Lake, commonly known today as Fourth Lake on the Moen Chain. The new camp lodge was constructed by Al Nelson, a Rhinelander blacksmith, and later builder and owner of the Al-Gen Supper Club. Camp Deerhorn became the boys camp counterpart to Bryn Afon, and eventually outlived its sister camp. Remarkably, it has remained a Broadbridge family affair since it opened, being passed down through three generations. Now owned and operated by Dr. Don's

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grandchildren; Don, Blaine, Patrick, and their families. Deerhorn is the oldest summer camp in Wisconsin continuously run by one family. Deerhorn takes great pride in adhering to its "Creed of Camp Deerhorn" with lessons that help young men become strong, honest, kind, and self-reliant people. Deerhorn strives to carry on the traditions built at the property for nine decades, with a 4th generation of Broadbridges already getting involved.

Camp Algonquin and Camp Horseshoe

James Doran of McHenry Illinois purchased the Camp Bryn Afon property in 1975. It was then renamed Camp Algonquin Reading Camp for Boys, operating as such for almost a decade. Former Algonquin campers and staffers Bob Stewart of Joliet, Illinois, and Roddy McMillian purchased the camp in 1984. They operated the camp until it was again sold in 2004, whereby it now operates



Camp Horseshoe Climbing Course

as Camp Horseshoe for boys. Camp Horseshoe originated in Minong, WI, where the camp was founded in 1932. It closed around 1990 and its story and traditions laid dormant for almost 14 years. Former Horseshoe camper Jordan Shiner, a history teacher in the Chicago area, and his wife Fran, were able to reprise Camp Horseshoe at the former Algonquin/Bryn Afon camp. So, an interesting history has been written between the three camps and the Snowden Lake property. Although it's seen many remodel projects and improvements in the last decade, many of the old buildings remain in use,



Camp Horseshoe Water Fun



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making sure history has survived the transition from historic girls camp, to modern boys camp.

Camp Birchrock

Camp Birchrock is located just a few miles west of Rhinelander on Hwy K. Originating with a local girl's group, Camp Fire Girls, in 1914. This organization, although active in the Rhinelander community, did not have a dedicated camp until 1949. Buildings from the nearby experimental forest research station that were once used by the CCC during the 1930's, and German POWS during WW2, were donated, and moved to a 200-acre property on Birchrock Lake. This camp was run by the Girl Scouts in conjunction with the Camp Fire Girls. Camp Fire Girls took over the property in 1961, and in 1975 it became Camp Fire Oneida, a coeducational camp for boys and girls. Today Camp Birchrock runs day and week camps throughout the summer. Many of the



Camp Birchrock Campers



Camp Birchrock Campers 1950's

Northwood's summer camps have historically catered to children that live in urban areas, but Birchrock sees many local youths attending their day and overnight camp sessions.

Crescent Lake Bible Camp



Crescent Lake Bible Camp Swim Area



Crescent Lake Bible Camp Waterskiers

This Christian boys and girls summer camp was established by Reverend Arthur F. Perkins from Merrill in 1932. Rev. Perkins owned a cabin on Crescent Lake and brought a boys class up for a week which inspired him to start a summer camp. In the following years Rev. Perkins and a friend, Pastor Trembley from Pembine, Wisconsin, each put \$5.00 down on a \$400.00 property with a beach on Crescent Lake. They encouraged 10 other supporters to contribute \$40.00 each, this becoming the camps first Board of Directors. The camp opened in 1933, and was incorporated as Crescent Lake Bible Fellowship in 1934. The camp has maintained a focus on catering to rural youth at an affordable cost for many

decades. Throughout its history, the camp has grown considerably, hosting summer and winter camps for kids, as well as being available for retreats and conferences, in its 90 years of operation.

Tesomas Scout Camp

Tesomas is the main camp for the Boy Scouts of America's Samoset Council. Tesomas is Samoset spelled backwards. What started as a 12-acre plot on Crystal Lake just north of Rhinelander donated by Rhinelander businessman L.A. Leadbetter, has turned into a huge property encompassing more than 900 acres. A beautiful lodge was built with help from the Rhinelander Rotary Club in 1935. Samoset Council includes scout groups from 11 Wisconsin counties, but the camp serves as a regional camp for scout groups from all over the country. Around 1952, Walt Disney Company was asked to design an emblem for the camp. They created the famous "Smiley the Tent" logo, still used today. Since its inception,



Camp Tesomas Logo - Smiley the Tent
Designed by Walt Disney Company



Camp Tesomas Bowl

the camp and adjoining Crystal Lake Scout Reservation, has seen continuous improvements with the addition of buildings, cabins, and camp infrastructure. It's popular scout bowl hosts campfire singalongs as has been done in scouting for over 100 years. As Tesomas has grown, its visitor numbers have exploded in the last 25 years. Where it once saw 200 campers a week, now has 400+. Today, the camp hosts scout groups from all over the United States, as far away as Alaska! It provides a premier camp for a number of programs throughout the year, and sees more than 6000 campers annually.

Fort Wilderness

Started in 1956, Fort Wilderness is another area camp started by a pastor. Truman and Jan Robertson had a passion for sharing



Fort Wilderness Winter Camp



Fort Wilderness Campfire Sing Along

the values of their faith, and love of the Northwoods. With financial support from Al and Ressa Siebert, they formed Fort Wilderness along the shores of Spider Lake north of Rhinelander. The original 80-acre camp has grown into a 300+ acre complex, hosting programs, camps, and retreats year-round. Fort Wilderness also runs travel programs that allow campers to go on educational trips around the country.

Memories that Last a Lifetime!

Northwood's summer camps remain a valued place for young folks to develop friendships, stretch their wings,

and be outdoors. From camp songs, to cabin life, to camp fires, kids are able to connect with nature. Something about getting into the forest and staying in a tent or cabin, going on canoe trips around the lake, fun activities outdoors, and the comradery of camp, can't be found anywhere else. Summer camp is a magical place!

These camps continue to be a vital part of the Rhinelander landscape. Thousands of campers from all over the, state, country and world are able to come to the Northwoods and make memories that last a lifetime!

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The spring transition is one of the most exciting times to be on the water in the Northwoods. As the ice begins to melt and pull away from the shoreline, the influx of freshly oxygenated water and sunlight kicks off a chain reaction that breathes fresh life into the entire aquatic food chain. As water temperatures rise, food becomes more readily available for fish and their metabolism increases, causing them, as anglers like to say, to “put on the feed bag.”

Not only are fish feeding aggressively during this time, but their locations are much more predictable than other times of year: where the water is warmest, you’ll find the fish. These areas are often accessible by anglers using small craft like canoes and kayaks, or even casting from shore, so there’s no reason not to wet a line!

Gearing Up: Know Before You Go

Before you hit the water, it’s crucial to know the Wisconsin DNR regulations for the body of water you plan to fish. This includes knowing the exact dates for the opening of the season for each species you might encounter, as well as the size limits, bag limits, bait restrictions, and any other limitation that may be in effect for any species you plan to target or might possibly catch.

If that sounds like a hassle, don’t worry. There are several excellent bait and tackle shops in the Northwoods with knowledgeable staff that can help decipher the regulations for your body of water. They can also provide a copy of the DNR regulations booklet to take with

you, as well as any gear you might need for your trip. Looking for a tip on a hot spring bite? Got a question on any of the strategies listed below? Ask the folks at the bait shop!

Next, you’ll need to gather your release tools. Even if you’re targeting panfish, it’s important to have the proper tools to safely handle and release larger fish in case you happen to hook one unexpectedly. (This happens very frequently, especially in the spring!) Sturdy long-nosed pliers are essential, and jaw spreaders and a landing net are always good to have on hand. Don’t forget the tape measure if you plan on keeping a few!





Walleye

Walleye are perhaps the most popular early season quarry for Northwoods anglers, not only because of their delectable white, flaky filets, but because they're among the first to spawn in spring, making them vulnerable in the shallows. Walleye can be found in hundreds of area lakes, but a favorite spring strategy is to target them in rivers, particularly the Wisconsin River. As they run upstream to spawn, they can be easily targeted from shore, so anglers can get in on the action without the use of a boat.

Look for river walleyes in areas of slower current, holding tight to rocks and fallen trees, and on the downstream side of dams. Jigs rigged with live fathead minnows or plastic minnow imitations are classic presentations, but be sure to use jigs that are heavy enough to reach the river bottom in the strong current. Slip bobbers with live minnows are also an effective strategy, especially if you find your jigs getting snagged on rocks and sunken wood.


Panfish

Spring panfishing has the potential to be the most action-packed bite of the year for Northwoods anglers. When water temperatures get just right, bluegill, sunfish, pumpkinseed, and crappie will crowd into the warm, shallow bays to spawn, and it can turn into a fish-on-every-cast kind of day. On ultralight tackle panfish can put up a heck of a fight, and their abundance and eagerness to bite make them perfect for kids and families. Feeling their first tug on the line and reeling in their first fish is a memory a youngster won't soon

forget, and spring panfishing is the best opportunity of the whole year to share it with them!


You'll find panfish in the warmest water in the lake, often in shallow south-facing bays sheltered from wind and waves. An easy way to find potential warm spots is to look for freshly emerging green weeds on the bottom, which

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stick out like a sore thumb among last year's dead brown remnants. A variety of strategies are effective for spring panfish including artificial lures and plastics, small spinners, even flies, but the tried and true classic of a worm under a small bobber is hard to beat.

Northern Pike

If tangling with toothy predators trips your trigger, then you're in luck. Northern Pike are abundant in hundreds of Northwoods lakes and river systems, occasionally growing upwards of thirty inches in length, and in the spring they feed voraciously and fight ferociously. This is when it's essential to have a set of jaw spreaders and good pliers on hand. Pike have rows of razor sharp teeth and often take baits deep into their mouths, so it's important to have the proper tools to extract hooks safely.

Pike can be found in the same areas you would look for panfish: the shallow, sheltered bays that warm up first and provide the first green weed growth. When the conditions are right pike will hit almost anything (even your panfish or walleye gear!), so it can be fun to try out different presentations and see what works best for you. Crankbaits, spoons, spinners, jigs, streamer flies, live minnows, even worms under bobbers will take pike, just be sure to tie on a sturdy wire leader to prevent bite-offs!



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SPRING *Greens*

Photos and written by **Peter Zambon**

With the passing of the dark, cold days of winter, we venture outside to let the warm spring sun touch our skin. Car windows once again let in fresh air, and for a brief period 40 degrees feels balmy.

Up here in the Northwoods, however, we are still weeks away from s'mores and campfire season -unless you are the winter camping type, that is. Cold nights and frost can be expected long after Mother's Day, and an outlier frost on Flag Day wouldn't surprise gardeners who have spent a few seasons above the 45th parallel.

The relatively brief growing season here in the Northwoods means we are unlikely to harvest tomatoes by the 4th of July, but with the right plan, your garden can produce an early spring mix of baby greens for a flavorful salad that is ready for Memorial Day weekend.

The key to growing a delicious early baby green salad is selecting the right varieties. If you typically prefer iceberg

lettuce, stick to mild, yet fast growing varieties such as Parris Island, Red Rosie, and Flashy Trout Back. Although it won't have quite the same crunch as iceberg, these varieties will be ready over a month earlier than a head of iceberg and have a lovely sweet flavor.

If you are looking for a little more excitement for your palate, there are dozens of baby greens that can give an extra boost of flavor to your salad. Store bought spring mixes typically contain blends of arugula, mizuna, sorrel, kale, spinach, mustard greens, and more. These various greens can take a boring plate of lettuce and transform it into a salad that requires nothing more than a dash of oil and vinegar to create an explosion of flavor.

For the purposes of this article, we will focus on the fastest growing options: arugula, mizuna, tatsoi, and chinese cabbage. These types of greens grow even faster than baby lettuce, with harvests as soon as 21 days after germination!

Arugula and mizuna are two great options for adding a spicy zip to the mix. Arugula provides a peppery, nutty



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flavor that intrigues. Look for salad arugula such as Astro or Esmee varieties over 'wild' types which grow slowly. For a more radish-like kick, mizuna and mustard greens are great ways to amp things up. Mizuna provides a moderate level of heat, while mustard greens like Wasabina offer a flavor uncannily similar to the wasabi we find next to a sushi roll.

To round out the salad, grow a variety of tatsoi or a variety of Chinese cabbage such as Tokyo Bekana. These two greens feature rich, buttery flavors. Tokyo Bekana brings a refreshingly crisp, yet savory quality; while tatsoi (a personal favorite) features the flavor and crisp crunch of bok choy in a more tender baby leaf form that won't need to be chopped before plating.



If picking out individual varieties for your garden feels overwhelming or too time consuming, most seed companies offer premixed seed blends designed specifically for baby greens. Look for lettuce mixes and mesclun mixes and choose a mix with a time to maturity under 30 days.

Once you have decided what kinds of greens you want to eat, it's time to plan and schedule planting. Here in the Northwoods, I like to observe the lakes when deciding when to start my salad greens. If the lake near my house has open water, the ground is probably warm enough to germinate baby greens. If your garden is located on the south facing side of your home and has good exposure, you may be able to start even earlier. A bed of baby greens is best grown with a high density, tight spacing. Plant 4-6 seeds to every inch of the row, and space rows just two inches apart. Once the seeds germinate, they are relatively hardy, and can tolerate a mild frost without trouble. If a true cold snap arrives, row cover or even just bed linens will protect your baby greens well below freezing. With a bit of frost protection in your arsenal, a memorial day harvest is all but guaranteed!

The visual result of this type of planting can bring a stunning variety of color to our winter weary eyes. The beautiful carpet of leaves is also easy to harvest: simply cut with a pair of scissors at a height about one to two inches from the ground and drop right into your salad spinner. Once you have harvested your salad bowl, don't pull up the roots just yet -the same plants will provide you with another harvest after approximately two weeks! Depending on weather conditions and care, a baby greens bed can easily provide four harvests before leaf quality and flavor

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diminishes. When planting baby greens, I like to plant at least double what I think I need for a week of salads. With this strategy, you can have weekly harvests for up to eight weeks with only one planting. It is a highly efficient way to provide lots of salad greens in a small garden space. Of course, if something goes wrong in the garden, or if you are more into reading about gardening than digging in the soil, producers at the Hodag Farmers' Market offer an abundance of locally grown baby greens -both mild or spicy- throughout the season! If you have any questions, gardening or salad prep related, feel free to email me at hodagpetescoffee@gmail.com.





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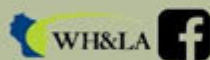
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Congratulations to everyone reading this for making it through winter! It's not easy, right? The days are short, the nights are cold, and every year shoveling gets a little less forgiving on the body. That being said, humans are the only animals with access to a consistent heat source through the winter. It started with fires millennia ago, and now it's through a furnace. Heating technology, whether primitive or modern, is how humans are able to survive cold temperatures. Other animals have physiological adaptations, ranging from thicker fur to a biological equivalent of antifreeze.

John Bates is a naturalist and author living in Mercer. He sees his purpose in life as "helping people develop environmental literacy."

From his perspective, nature becomes more beautiful the more one learns about it. All the knowledge dispensed in this article is informed by his expertise.

As you look out from your back porch, know that the deer, bugs, and even trees have developed intricate ways of surviving the most difficult part of the year. Bates uses the acronym MAD for how animals make it through winter. M - Migrate, A - Adapt, and D - Die. Before we get to the third option which seems rather counter-intuitive, let's discuss the perilous journey many birds make every year.

Many birds head to warmer climates before winter comes. There are around 226 nesting species of birds in Wisconsin, and around 135 of them are neotropical migrants, meaning they migrate south every winter. Geese fly in a distinctive "V" formation to the southern United States, while some hummingbirds travel all the way to Central America during the winter. While it may be the "easier" option, it isn't easy at all. Most birds don't even complete the journey. In fact, 80% of juvenile birds don't make it back. It goes to show how difficult it is to survive a winter, if a species is willing to sacrifice four-fifths of its young to migrate.

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Making it through winter

By Dan Hagen

Photo by Andrew Egan

Besides birds, very few animals migrate. Adaptation is a more popular strategy. Every April in Northern Wisconsin, the shallow ponds and lake shores erupt with a cacophony of frog croaks. The steady, high-pitched wall of sound comes from spring peepers, who are trying to woo a mate. The faster and longer the males sing, the greater their chances of attracting a female. And who can blame them for trying so hard to find that special someone? The last five months or so the peepers were practically unconscious. When winter comes, they burrow down two to three inches into the duff of a forest and freeze. (Duff is the decaying plant matter covering the ground under trees.) Spring peepers stop breathing, and fundamentally their brain and heart stop. It's almost a suspended animation state – no eating, drinking, urinating, or defecating. Wood frogs, chorus frogs and some young turtles have developed this strategy as well. Large turtles will bury themselves at the bottom of a lakebed and breathe through their skin. This may seem extreme, but it sure beats hopping or crawling to Mexico.

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Hibernation is a way animals conserve energy to survive cold weather, a lack of food, or both. The most famous hibernators are bears, though some scientists question whether bears actually hibernate. Every winter they undergo physiological changes much like the spring peepers do, though to a lesser extent. As the days get shorter, a hormone is triggered in bears to make them drowsy. When they retreat to their dens, bears aren't exactly sleeping, instead they are in a lighter sleep-state called torpor. During torpor, black bears heart rates will go from 90 to just 8 beats per minute. For months they will go without eating, drinking, or passing waste. But if danger like a predator presents itself, bears can wake up and take action. Also, female bears awaken from torpor to give birth. Chipmunks, raccoons, and skunks go into torpor as well. While groundhogs go into true hibernation underground by dropping their body temperature and only breathing once every six minutes.

Plenty of animals don't hibernate but adapt in other ways. White-tailed deer gradually swap out their summer hair coat for a winter one as the temperatures drop. The winter coat absorbs more sunlight and traps more body heat than the summer coat. Deer behavior also changes. They are much less active during the winter, sometimes not moving for days even to eat. However, unlike most hibernators, deer can continue their usual diet of twigs, stems and grasses through the winter. Snowshoe hares change their coats in early December and become pure white except for the black tips of their ears. Some animals, such as chipmunks, squirrels and beavers, store food in preparation for winter.

Trees have also adapted to harsh winters – not because of the cold temperatures, but because their world has turned into a desert. Deciduous trees (the leafy ones) bring up water from the ground through their roots, and moisture travels all the way up to their leaves. Water is necessary in photosynthesis, which is when leaves use energy from the sun to power the conversion of carbon dioxide and water into glucose (food for the tree) and oxygen (a byproduct).



Photo by Tracie Schoone

Not all of the water is used in photosynthesis, however. Much of it evaporates through the leaves. This isn't a problem during the summer since water in the ground is readily available. But winter freezes the ground, cutting off trees' only source of water – and no water means no photosynthesis and that means no food. So instead of trees losing all their water to evaporation, they drop their leaves. Deciduous trees would actually die of thirst if they kept their leaves. Conifer trees have adapted their leaves into tiny needles that are coated with wax which reduces evaporation. But even still, most conifers drop around a third of their needles.

Finally, it's time to get morbid. The final strategy outlined by MAD is Die, and it's employed by the majority of insects. Monarch butterflies famously migrate thousands of miles, but bugs like crickets and flies die off. These insects lay eggs with the hopes that their young know what to do come spring.

We are now on the other side of winter (sort of) and soon the woods and streams will be full of life once again. The animals that made it through are the result of millions of years of evolution, honing in the optimal migration, adaption, or even death strategies. Spring is a time to celebrate with the winter survivors by listening to the frogs, feeling the bark of an old tree, and learning more about the world around us.



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Big Birds of the Northwoods



Spring Migration

By **Kerry Bloedorn**

The unmistakable sounds of spring! They rejuvenate our spirits after a long cold winter in the Northwoods, letting us know that warm summers are right around the corner. Some of the earliest spring sounds we hear in Northern Wisconsin are those of migratory waterfowl. Geese, ducks, loons, and others as they search for a summer home, or make their passage to summer breeding areas. So long as they can find open water, these large birds can withstand colder temperatures than the smaller birds we see later in spring.

Wisconsin is in an area known as the Mississippi flyway. Great Lakes to the north and east, the Mississippi River to the west, and thousands of lakes in between. It makes for accommodating habitat, and acts as a highway as they move from southern wintering grounds, to northern breeding grounds. Some of these fowl will choose to stay in Northern Wisconsin for the season, giving us great big bird watching opportunity from the boat, dock, or trail.

The Canada Goose, aka Canadian Geese, are named for famed ornithologist John Canada, not our neighbor to the north as we might expect. Flying in their signature V formation, and loudly honking, they are often seen even before all the snow has melted. These large, black headed, white cheeked geese are one of the most easily identified, and polarizing birds in the waterfowl group. A sign of spring for many, huge flocks can descend on urban waterways causing a nuisance. Canada Geese were once near extinction, but today their numbers are some of the highest in recorded history. They make the entire United States and Canada their domain, covering a majority of North America. Most of those seen in our area, will continue their journey to Canadian breeding areas, although some will find nesting sites along the way.

Several large white migratory birds that folks often confuse are; Snow Geese, Trumpeter, Tundra, and Mute Swans, all of



Photo by Ken Milender



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which traverse the Northwoods in the spring. It's a beautiful sight to note any of these majestic white fowl taking a rest on lakes or ponds in our area. Snow Geese are the smallest of the bunch, slightly smaller than a Canada Goose, with distinctive orange beaks, and black wing tips. These geese will spend winters in the Gulf, and make the long journey to northern Canada during summers.

Tundra Swans, are entirely white with a black beak. These beautiful birds spend their winters on the Atlantic coast, and summers far up north in the remote Canadian tundra, aptly named. We typically only see them as they pass through our area. Tundra Swans have a small yellow patch under their eye which makes them identifiable from our next big bird.

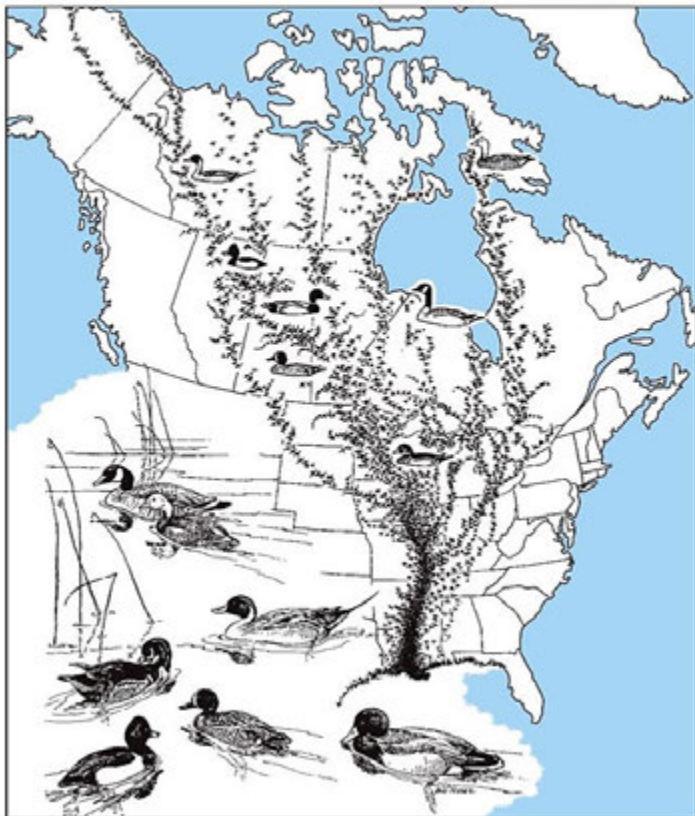
The Trumpeter Swan is the overall largest bird native to Wisconsin. With a wingspan of almost 6 feet, and near 25 pounds, it is larger than a Tundra Swan, but they look very close in appearance. They do not have the yellow patch under

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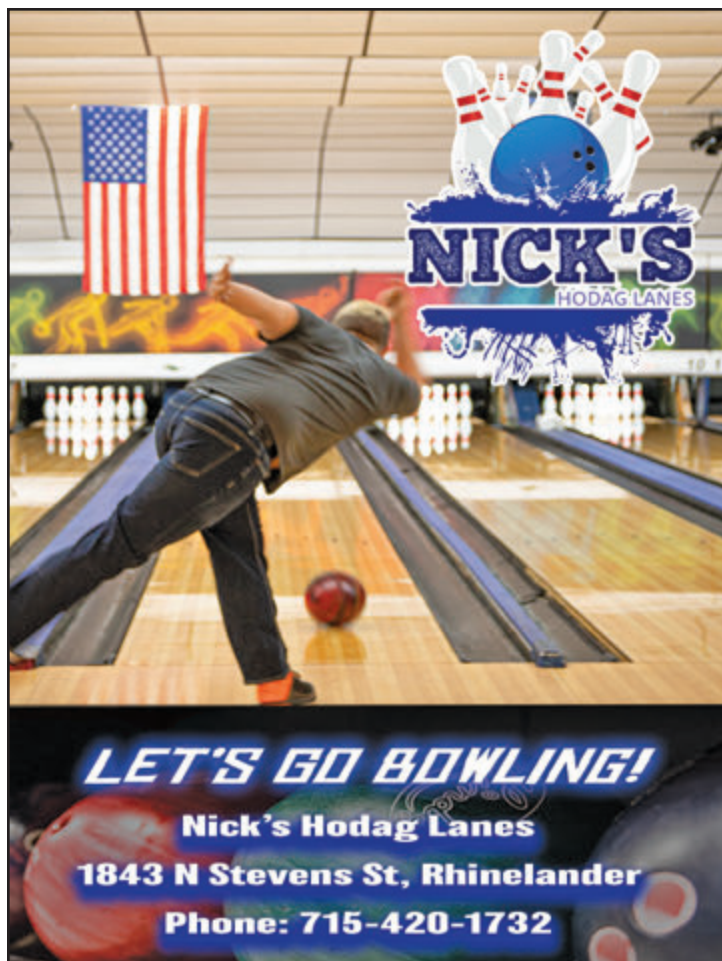


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Mississippi Flyway



Mississippi Flyway Map Public Domain



their eye like a Tundra Swan. Louis and Clark called these “Whistling Swans” for the notable whistling sound their wings make when flying. You can often hear them as they come in low for a landing on a body of water. Trumpeter Swans owe their common name to its low trumpet-like call. Trumpeters are a shy bird and prefer bodies of water with little human activity. Many that we see will nest in wetland areas along the south shore of Lake Superior, and Northern Minnesota. Due to their size, these birds need a football field length of water just to take off!

Lastly in the large white bird category, is the non-native Mute Swan. These birds can have a wingspan of 8 feet! These distinctive swans, with their long, curved necks, and orange and black beaks, were brought to the US from Europe and released into zoos, and estates as an ornamental pet. Escapees have developed a wild population in the US. Mute Swans don't migrate, but instead stay around coastal Lake Michigan. Rarely, pairs can be spotted in our area as they extend their nesting range. Despite the misleading name, they are not mute, but considered less vocal than other swan varieties.

The Common Loon, is one of the most beloved birds in Northern Wisconsin. Who doesn't enjoy the unmistakable mournful call or yodel of a Loon? With their dark red eyes, large sleek black and white speckled bodies, this diving fowl is quite attractive. These birds seem quintessentially Northwoods Wisconsin, yet a majority of the interior US Common Loon population will make their way from their winter grounds in the Gulf of Mexico, to lakes in Canada, covering up to 1600 miles! Northern Wisconsin Lakes are the southern range of their summer breeding grounds.

A young loon may spend as many as three years in its southern range before returning north. Loons congregate in large flocks during migration, and at their overwintering sites. Summer breeding populations of loons are highly territorial and tend to nest one pair per lake, returning to the same lake every year. Unlike the rest of the waterfowl covered in this article, Loons have solid bones, allowing them to be master divers. Loons can swim up to 20 miles per hour underwater, turn on a dime, and stay under water for up to five minutes at a time, which makes them excellent fisherman. Loons are a sign of good water quality, and are used to monitor the health of our lakes. Adorable loon chicks will often be seen riding on the backs of their parents. Loons, we love to see and hear them!

Great Blue Herons, one of my favorite big birds, can be seen standing perfectly still, or silently stalking the shallows of a river or lake shoreline, hunting for fish. These tall, greyish blue birds have a huge summer range, spanning from North America, to northern South America. A weather resilient bird, they can survive winters in areas of Wisconsin



Photo by Beverly A Engstrom



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with open water, and are considered a permanent resident of the state. Nesting in groups, in tall treed rookery sites, they are otherwise a solitary bird. Majestic in flight with their S shaped neck, they are one of the most fascinating of the big birds that lives in Northern Wisconsin.

Sandhill Cranes are another large bird, although not a part of the waterfowl group, that we see in the Northwoods. Gathering in large flocks in southern Texas and Northern Mexico during the winters, they make the long journey to the Midwest in the spring. Another bird with a recognizable call, Sandhill Cranes can be heard a long way off. Nesting pairs often choose open areas for breeding sites, which is why we see them strutting around agricultural fields with their long legs. Sandhill Cranes can fly up to 400 miles a day during their migration. Such as the loons we see, Northern Wisconsin is the southern range of their breeding grounds.

Some find nesting sites in our area, but many more will continue north into Canada for the summer.

Ducks, so many ducks. Migratory ducks really require their own article there are so many kinds. Wisconsin is home to at least 15 kinds of migratory ducks, many of which can be seen living in, or traversing through the Northwoods in spring. Our most popular being the Mallards that take up residence on our lakes, and the Wood Ducks that enjoy a tree hollow or duck box over a shoreline. Ducks come in all different beautiful colors and are always a welcome site as they dabble for food or tend to their spring ducklings on our area lakes.

The Northwoods of Wisconsin during spring migration is a great time to see the 'Big Birds' of our area, and those heading north for the summer. What starts as the honk of a goose, or call of a Loon, quickly turns into a summer of beauty in Northern Wisconsin!





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"Gaming" IN THE NORTHWOODS

By **Dan Hagen**

I'm guessing most of the people reading this magazine haven't ever played Dungeons & Dragons. You might even say that the players are nerds. Well guess what? Nerds are cool now.

Zach Hext was always a fan of games. It started with standard fare like Monopoly or Scrabble, but his hobbies evolved to games like Magic the Gathering, a turn-based game using specialty cards, and Dungeons & Dragons, a role-playing game using different-sided dice. Hext describes "gaming" as the evolution of the classic board games everyone knows. For Hext, it's the combination of socializing and critical thinking that keeps him coming back. Plus, gaming is a great way to get off screens in a world dominated by them.

"I like having that escape where I can still be with people and just take my mind off the day-to-day stresses," said Hext.

So, when a gaming store closed in Rhinelander a few years back, it was his chance to make a career change.

"If I'm going to do this, it's now or never," said Hext. "Now we're two-and-a-half years in and going strong."

Hext owns and operates Magic Man Games at 58 Brown Street in Rhinelander.

While gaming has always been a part of his life, he's noticed the industry has taken off over the past decade as games like Dungeons & Dragons (DnD) have entered the mainstream. Characters in the popular Netflix show Stranger Things are introduced in the middle of a 10-hour DnD campaign. Celebrities like Vin Diesel, Stephen Colbert, and Joe

Manginiello are lifelong fans of DnD.

"Twenty or thirty years ago being a nerd was not cool," said Hext. "You were shunned for liking some of these things. Now it's becoming cool."

Hext said his success so far at Magic Man is thanks to a really strong gaming community in the Northwoods. His store recently hosted a qualifying tournament for the trading card game Flesh & Blood. Other cities that were selected were Madison, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Chicago. The Rhinelander tournament drew similar numbers as some of those bigger cities, despite having a fraction of the population.

"For us to be able to hold that kind of event in Rhinelander, Wisconsin of all places is kind of amazing," said Hext.

Hext isn't sure why Rhinelander punches above its weight in gaming, but it might have something to do with the area's longer winters.

"A guess is that we're living in Northern Wisconsin," said Hext. "Six months of the year you could be trapped inside. So, people turn to entertainment and gaming is a form of entertainment that is interactive and not that expensive."



For a fresh take on charades, Hext recommends “Get a Hint.” For a quick-paced, family-fun strategy game, Hext recommends “Ticket to Ride.” Want something playful? Try “Hibachi” and build the perfect meal. Want something immersive? Try Scythe, and rise to power in an alternate-history 1920s period. But Magic Man is more than buying games, dice, and trading cards. Half of the store has open tables, where anyone can stop by to play their favorite game. Every Wednesday is a board game night. On Thursdays it’s Magic the Gathering. On Saturday it’s DnD.

“Everyone always tells me I want to play DnD but I don’t have anyone to play with,” said Hext. “Well, I want to provide a place where people can go.”

And it’s working. Most nights someone is casting dice, moving miniatures, or playing cards at Magic Man. And that’s why Hext opened Magic Man in the first place.

“While yes it’s a retail space and we sell things to keep the lights on,” said Hext. “I just want to provide a space for people with the same hobbies that I like, and spread them to more people.”

Magic Man Games is open Wednesday through Sunday noon to 9pm. And if you need a recommendation, Hext is happy to help make your next game night a memorable one.



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THE RHINELANDER *St. Patrick's Day Parade*

By **Jaclene Tetzlaff**



About fifteen years ago, a group of Irish descendants in Rhinelander gathered in a downtown pub and talked about holding a St. Patty's Day Parade. "Let's have one!" And so, the tradition began. The first parade had about 20 units, whether they were floats, decorated trucks, walking, or bicycling, people wore their finest green garb and marched down Brown Street.

The parade has since grown to over 80 units. After a long winter, the people are ready to get out of their houses. Brown Street turns to green as spectators young and old alike participate in the state's second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade.

"The parade does a lot of good for the city of Rhinelander," says Jack Winkler, one of the parade founders.

"It brings a lot of business to the motels, bars and restaurants downtown and everyone has a good time."

The Parade Committee holds a promotional Pub Crawl leading up to parade day. Tickets list all the Pub Crawl bars, and revelers visit the bars listed to get a signature. When their ticket is full, or even if it is not, they can drop it off at Big Daddy's to be entered into a drawing held on March 17. Winners can receive cash prizes in \$100 increments. You do not need to be present to win, but if you are, Big Daddy's will give you a chance to win an additional \$100. Proceeds from the ticket sales are split – half goes toward the cash prizes, and the other half benefits the "Safe Ride Program" by the Tavern League of Wisconsin.



The current committee consists of Jack Winkler, Tim and Joan Phelan, Dale Schlieve, Aaron Schultz, and others. If you are interested in joining in on the fun, please contact Jack or any of the committee members. They will be very happy to have you join!

This year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rhinelander will be held on Saturday, March 11. Lineup is at 12:30 on Brown Street next to the police station.

To join in, or for more information, contact Jack Winkler 715-369-3030 or Aaron Schultz 715-499-6945.



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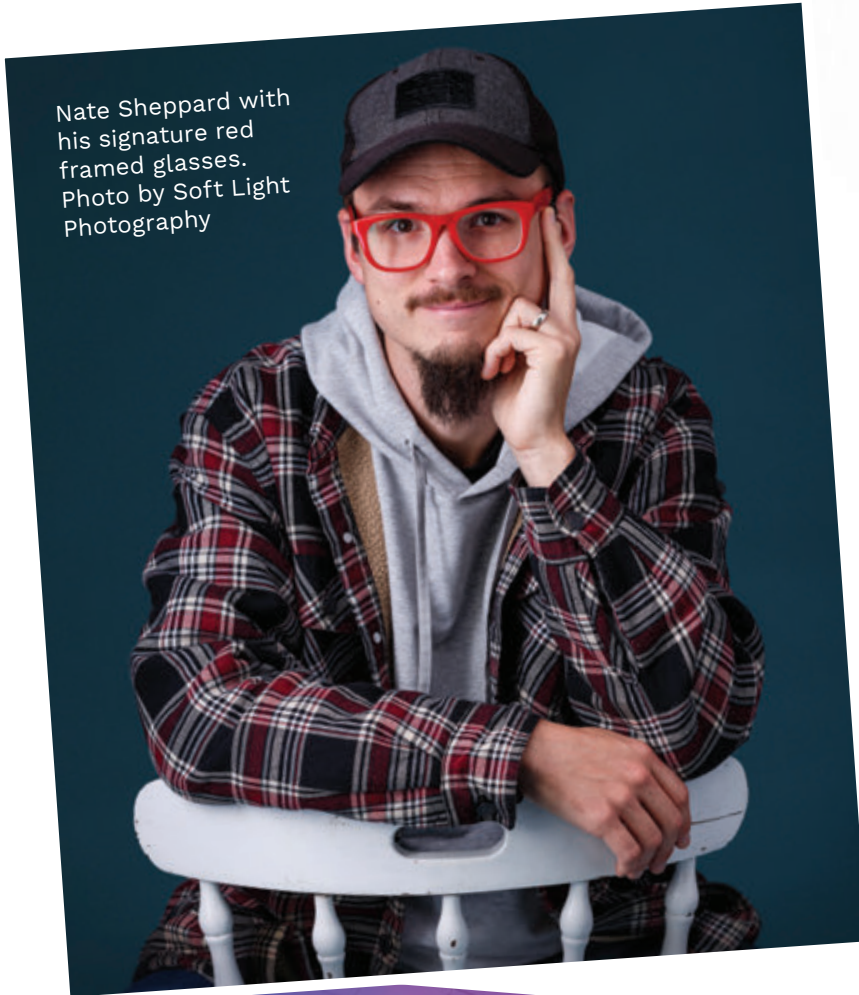
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CAPTURING THE BEAUTY: THE ART OF **NATE SHEPPARD**

By **Kerry Bloedorn**

Artist, Musician, Filmmaker, Composer, Philosopher, Theologian, Advocate for the Arts, Talk Show Host, Author, Father, Husband.... Nate Sheppard's list of interests and facets are many, and those mentioned only seem to scratch the surface. With his quiet personality, signature red framed glasses and goatee, he is both highly visible in the Rhinelander community arts scene, yet somehow manages to stay out of his own way, humbly letting his work do the talking.

Nate's work as a filmmaker has encompassed a wide variety of releases, from a full-length documentary film, historical and introspective short films, to event, political, and realty ads, virtual museum tours, and more... most of which he composes original music to accompany, tailored by the content. These endeavors are a passion for



The Nate Show.
Photo by Sara Cirilli

Nate, and it shows in all he does. He truly has a talent for capturing beauty through a camera, and creating a sound-scape to compliment it.

Born in Nebraska, and growing up in Minnesota, his Midwest roots run deep. Having lived in Rhinelander for a relatively short amount of his life, he has quickly become counted among the creative minds of the Northwoods.

Growing up, Nate had an interest in music and film-making from an early age. With a home camcorder, he would make movies with his brothers. He also learned how play the piano at six years old, a passion that he would carry into adulthood. Growing as a musician over the years, he has developed a style of composing music that lends itself to film scores.

Nate went to school in St. Paul at University of Northwestern, earning a degree in biblical studies with an aspiration of becoming a pastor or music minister. It was there he also met his future wife Andrea, who was attending the music program. Upon graduating, they were married, and Nate became a music director at a large church in Minnesota. After a couple of years, Nate would find himself searching for a job elsewhere, and applied to



The Nate Show

churches anywhere he could find a posting.

In 2015, he was hired as a Youth and Music Pastor at Pine Grove Church in Rhinelander. At the time, Nate and Andrea felt they were moving into the hinterlands of the unknown, they had never even heard of Rhinelander before. Apprehensive about moving somewhere new,

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they had a feeling something was drawing them to Northern Wisconsin.

During Nate's tenure with Pine Grove, he had the opportunity to visit Haiti. Inspired by the organization he was working with there, Lemuel Ministries, he decided to make a documentary film about their mission. Thus, his debut feature length documentary film "The City of God" was released.

After three years in the Rhinelander church position, Nate decided to pursue a calling as full-time artist, filmmaker, and composer. Once again, Nate and Andrea mulled over the idea of starting over in a new location, but during their time living in Rhinelander, they had grown roots, had a child, and built friendships worth staying for.

All of Nate's life experiences, from his religious studies, growing up in, and working with the church, creating music, art and movies, all put his path into better focus as time went on, leading to a career as an artist, composer, independent filmmaker and videographer. A leap of faith for any creator. Couple that with the burgeoning arts community in the Northwoods, and they



Nate on location in Haiti working on The City of God Documentary

decided to stay in Rhinelander.

Nate has become a big part of the Rhinelander arts scene, working closely with ArtStart, Rhinelander's local art gallery and community hub for artists. He has developed several amazing digital art installations that have been featured in Rhinelander, including the mixed media work "The Cybernetic Forest". An immersive, digital artwork incorporating video, sound, and lights that examine the relationship between nature and technology. A true art experience for the senses. I went and saw it four times during its run at Project North music and arts festival in 2022.

On top of these creative outlets, he hosts "The Nate Show", a late-night style talk show he streams live online. Nate invites local guests and discusses a wide range of topics that can be fun, and sometimes silly, and those that explore the deep and profound.

Nate's outlook as an artist is unique in that he strives to create art that is finite. A juxtaposition from his recorded work you can watch online. Therefore, you can't find recordings of The Nate Show, or much of his multimedia artwork. If you want to view it, you have to tune in live, or go in person, and become a part of the show, or the artwork, in real time. It's here, it's gone, it's an experience. An interesting philosophy in a world where artwork is often bought and sold as a tangible commodity. Through it all, Nate holds true to himself, his faith, and aspires to be more than just a "content creator" for content's sake. Nate wants to help build a community through his art.

Nate has received some awesome recognition and awards for his work and community involvement, including the 2019 Northern Arts Council's Emerging Artist grant, recognition by the 'Motion Pictures



Nate and Andrea with their three children



International Film Festival 2023', honorable mention and best score at the 'Athens International Monthly Art Film Festival 2023', for "City of God", and Platinum Winner for Original Score at the 'International Independent Film Awards 2022', as well as being a 2022 recipient of the Top 10 under 40 award from Forward Rhinelander. But as expected, he takes these accolades in stride.

The Northwoods should look forward to more works and art from Nate Sheppard as he continues to add to his



Nate Sheppard with his tools of the trade

repertoire. We can be sure it will make us think, feel, and showcase the wonder on the other side of the lens.

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Hodag 10s, Inc

By Robyn Farley

Mission:

To provide assistance to community members, groups and organizations as requested/needed. Our goal is to fulfill a minimum of one giving opportunity each month of the year. The majority of our efforts stay in the community and are given directly to the chosen recipient(s).

Our Board:

Robyn Farley, President and Secretary
Kaitlin Edwardson, Vice President and Treasurer
Alyssa Colborn, Director
Tara Fredrick, Director
Penny Strupp, Director

Our Story:

Kaitlin Edwardson and myself decided, after working together for a couple years heading some fundraising efforts in our community, it was time to “go big” and become an affiliated organization. Not only would this streamline and formalize things, but it would bring more attention to the people and places in our community that need our support. So many people want to help and want to give back to the community but just don’t know how to take that next step. We are hoping to be that next step.

In July of 2021, we became incorporated with the IRS and received our EIN number, becoming an official 501(c)(3) non-profit organization!

Where did the name “Hodag 10s” come from? Well, our initial hope was that everybody donating would consider donating \$10/month, but we quickly learned that there is no dollar amount too big or too small! Every donation counts and matters.

In January of 2023, we became a member of the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce! We are looking forward to being a part of their organization.

Little Free Hodag Pantry:

2022 was a great year for 2 pantries to be constructed and placed within our community. We’ve had the greatest response and support in filling these pantries as quickly as they are utilized.

Jon Edwardson, welding instructor at Nicolet Area Technical College, headed this project with his welding students. They constructed 2 metal pantries, which we placed in the parking lot of Northland Insurance Agency (131 Randall Ave) and Rhinelander Masonic Lodge (23 E Davenport St). These are accessible 24/7 by those in need of some food items and/or personal essentials. They can also





be filled with donated items at any time. We hope to see these pantries continue to be such a hit in our community. Sometimes a little assistance is needed and individuals might not qualify for other services in our area. There are no requirements for the Little Free Hodag Pantry.

Sled Hubs:

The winter of 2021 brought on a fun project idea for Hodag 10s. We saw the idea on Facebook and decided to follow suit. We constructed 2 Sled Hubs to be placed at Northwood Golf Course (3131 Golf Course Rd) and Sarocka Field (325 E Rives St). The purpose of these hubs is to offer sledders a variety of sleds to use while enjoying the hills. Again, available 24/7 for families to borrow and also to donate. They are stored in the off season and left out during the winter season for all to enjoy. We were so excited to stop by the hills a couple weeks ago to see both hubs full of sleds of all kinds!

Non-Profit Organizations:

In the past couple years, we have been able to help numerous non-profit organizations right here in our community. We've fulfilled multiple NATH – Frederick Place and Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault wish lists, presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 along with some office supplies to Mick Fiocchi of NAMI Northern Lakes in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month, provided the Oneida County Humane Society with numerous wish list items and hundreds of blankets when needed, provided thousands of items to the Personal Essential Pantry and delivered numerous Thanksgiving Meals to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, just to hit on a few.

We also teamed up with the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce the past two years to collect winter gear during their Big Bundle Up Campaign. These items are then distributed to our local Warm For Winter Clothing Pantry and dispersed to those in need.

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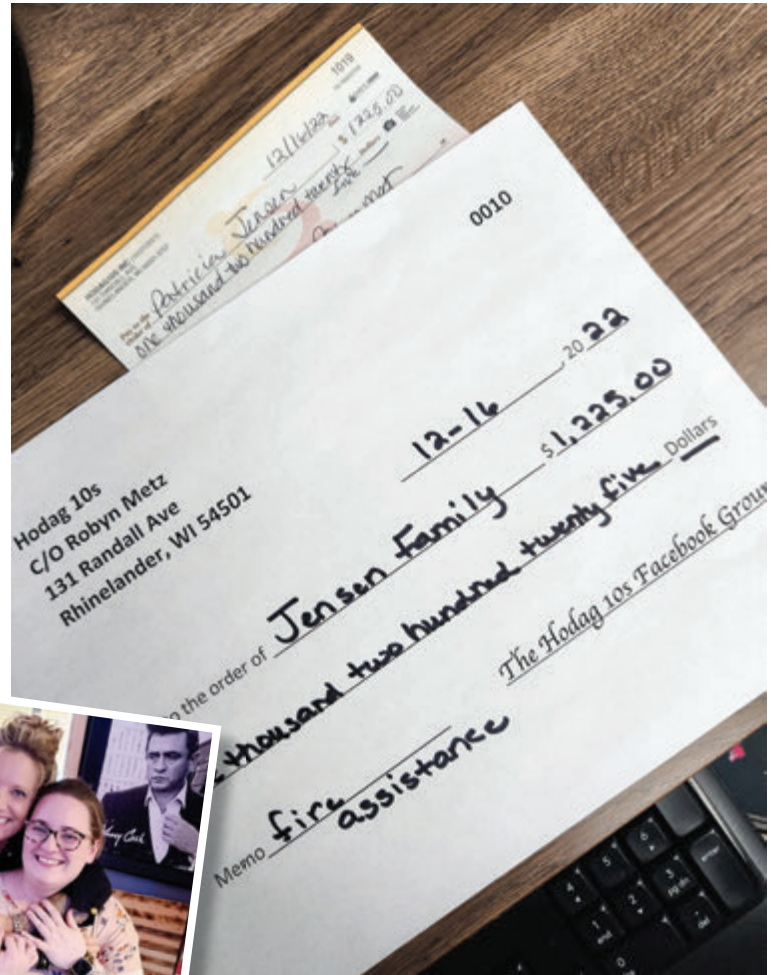
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Individual Donations:

Small communities really do have so much to offer their members. The desire to assist when needed is incredible. The outpouring of support is amazing. While we can't necessarily reach every individual and take on every opportunity, we do the best we can. Largely due to community response, we've been able to assist families due to medical emergencies, fires, displacement, fostering of children and so many more. We've also been able to sponsor multiple families for Christmas and supplied numerous children with school supplies.

Outside our Community:

While the majority of our efforts stay right in Oneida County, we have participated in a few opportunities outside our community. We provided stockings full of goodies for soldiers, through Soldiers' Angels. This was a really fun way to show our appreciation to those who have served or are serving our nation. Marshfield NICU was another donation opportunity that hit home to many in our community. They



were in need of sleepers, preemie clothing, phone chargers, as well as other items. We fulfilled and far surpassed their hopes, which was incredible.

Our 2023 Goals:

We are working hard at getting our website up and running so we can reach more community members outside Facebook.

We hope to partner with some local businesses to maximize our donation efforts. In the past, we have worked with Northern Grounds, Knot Just Hair and Briar House, who have been incredible, but our goal is to expand those connections even further!

We LOVE seeing families come together to donate, whether it be collecting items for a family in need, stocking the pantries, enjoying the sled hubs together or just involving our own children in the delivery of items. Our goal is to continue teaching our younger generations all about the gift of giving.

Supporting Hodag 10s:

It is absolutely true that giving back and being a part of



Hodag 10s work, will not only improve the lives of so many but bring you a sense of unparalleled satisfaction and sense of worth. Making our world a better place starts with small steps that evolve into profound transformation. We believe the best way for our initiatives to be successful, is for the community to become actively involved. If you are looking for a fulfilling means in which to be a part of, then it's time to consider joining forces with Hodag 10s.





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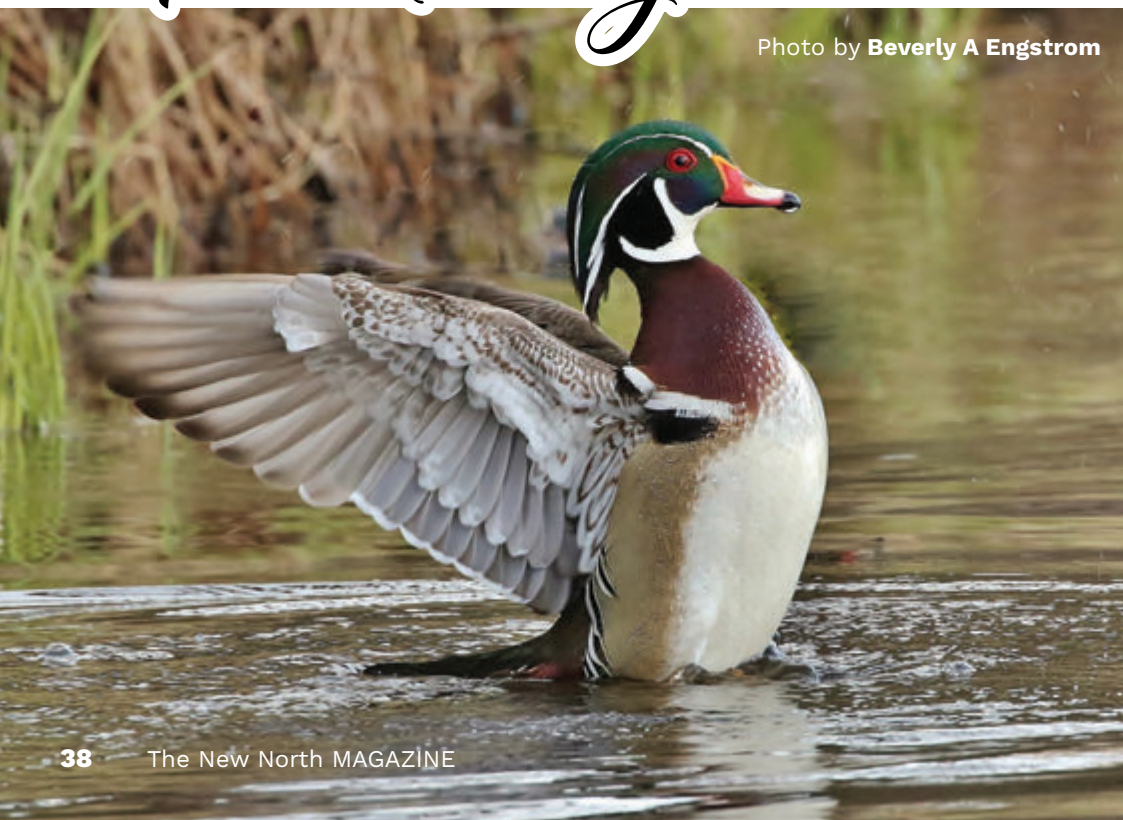


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JUNE
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SPECIAL LOCATIONS FOR

Annual Art Fair & Car Show

By **Lauren Sackett**, Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce CEO

The decades long tradition of two signature Rhinelander events continues this summer on Saturday, June 10th, but this year, in special locations due to construction. 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 the 36th Annual Art Fair and the 25th Anniversary Rhinelander Car Show which are hosted by the Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce.

36th Annual Art Fair on the Courthouse Lawn



The annual Art Fair is typically located on the Oneida County Courthouse lawn and adjacent streets, however, road construction is scheduled on those streets during that time. The Chamber has chosen Hodag Park as this year's location for the Art Fair - the perfect backdrop for a day of shopping for a

variety of arts and crafts that are handmade by local makers. The Art Fair hours are 9 am -3 pm

"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. Vendor space is still available.

24th Annual Rhinelander Car Show

Cars from all across the country make their way to Rhinelander for the annual Rhinelander Car Show – a show that has more than doubled in size since 2015. In 2023, Car Show organizers Linda Krebsbach and Dick Jennejohn, hope to welcome 200 cars – pre-registration only.

"In 2023, due to the construction the 25th anniversary Rhinelander Car show is excited to announce that we will be back down on Brown Street," shared Linda Krebsbach. "This is one of the original Car Show locations and we are excited to celebrate this anniversary downtown."

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 2023 “Car That Caught Our Eye” is a 1998 Chevy Corvette owned by John Meir of Sayner, WI.

In addition to the sights and sounds of the cars between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm, attendees can expect children’s activities, music and announcements by Big Dog DJ Service, and watch the trophy ceremony at 2pm.

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



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HAPPENINGS *in the* NORTHWOODS



Jim Bokern and Bill Vancos

Hops N' History

The Rhinelander Historical Society hosted an informative evening on January 18 at the Rhinelander Brewery. Jim Bokern, President of the Manitowish Waters Historical Society presented a program on Moonshine in the Northwoods, including activity in the Rhinelander area.



Ron Skagen and Jim Hagen



Tim and Kathy Rogowski



Louise Perreault, Lenore Blemke, Ashley McLaughlin, Melinda Childs, of ArtStart

SPARK

ArtStart in Rhinelander is hosting a monthly free program designed for people in the early to mid-stages of memory loss. SPARK is an interactive experience with lively discussion, creative engagement and multi-sensory activities. For details, contact ArtStart at 715-362-4328



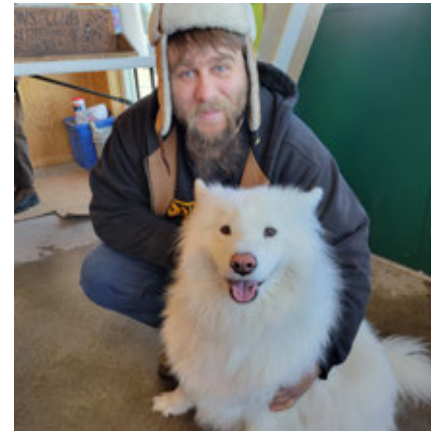
Dawn Kocaja, Advocacy Officer of the Milwaukee Public Museum



Lions Mike Romportl and Jeff Kataoka working hard

Rhinelanders Lions Club Annual Fisheree

The Rhinelanders Lions Club held its Annual Fisheree to an outstanding attendance at Hodag Park on February 11.



Josh Zwicky and Sofie



A sizable Crappie



Fishermen Tom Pohnl, Mike Fees, and Dave Robinson



Lion Jill Zwiers managing the Raffle Basket table

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Dan Hagen, a 40 Under 40 winner, with Kerry Bloedorn



CEO Lauren Sackett addresses the crowd

Rhineland Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala

The Rhineland Area Chamber of Commerce held its Awards Gala on January 26. It was a night swathed in green as many deserving Hodags received awards for exemplary service, business practices, and citizenship.

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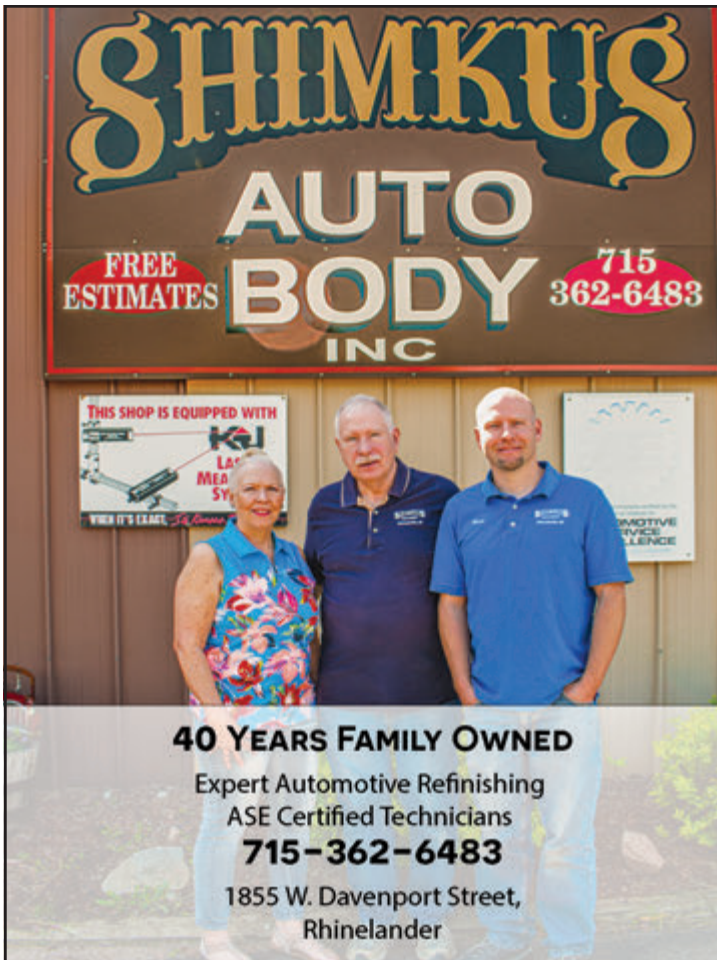






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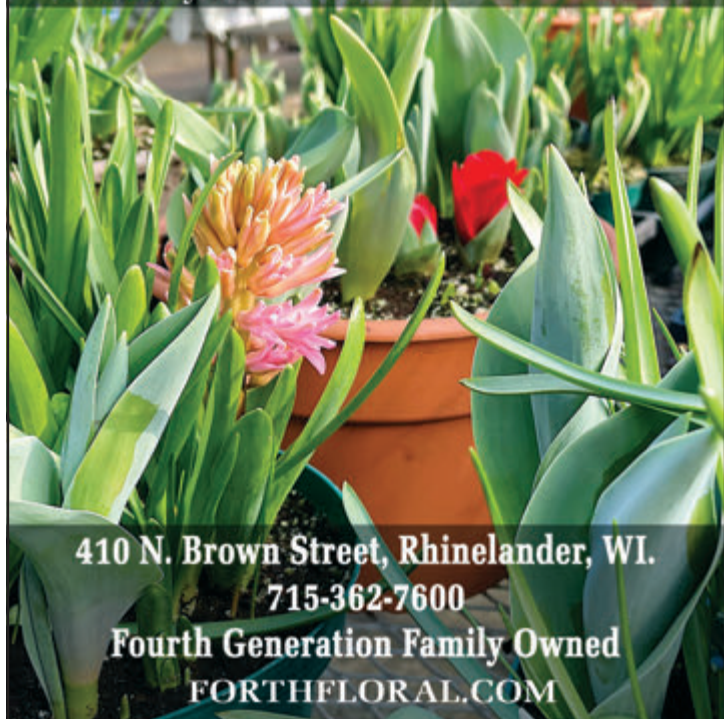
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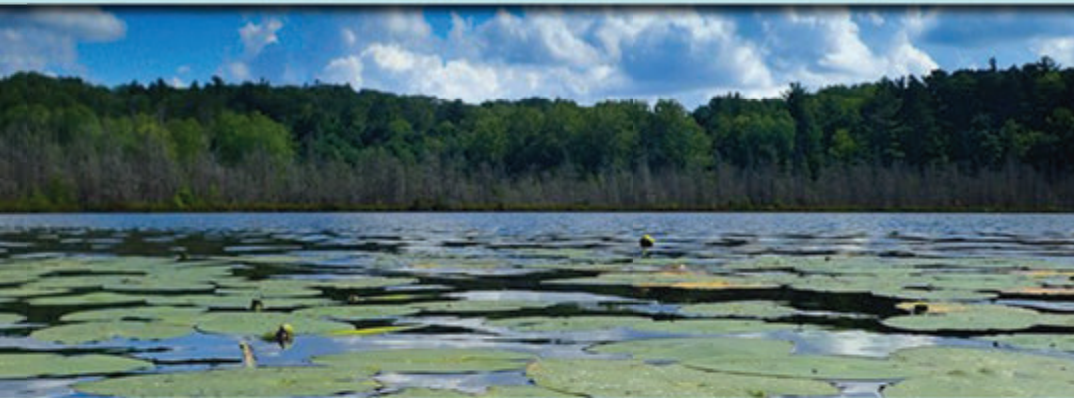
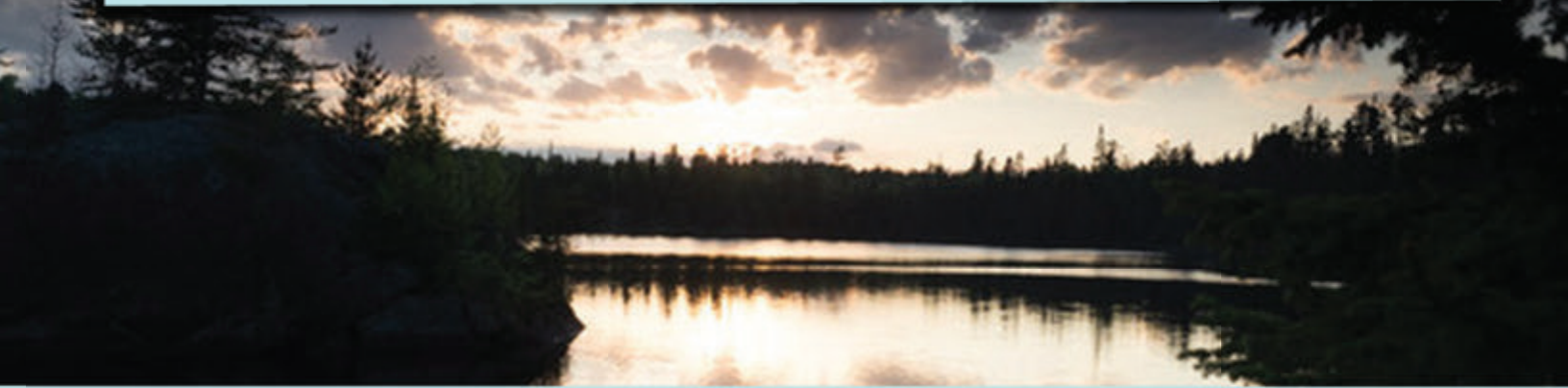
Sweet Spring Mist

By **Woodsy Wallace**

Twenty Twenty-Thrice
Doesn't it seem things seem to stall?
Oh my my do the seasons crawl.
Goodbye winter goodbye Fall.
We're waiting for Summer after all.
Smells like Spring is coming in.
Been waiting for campfires.
Waiting for damp nights,
Where we can stare at the sky.
Just to feel this life.
Spring is lingering.
A warm embrace, and sunshine.
Sweet mist and subtle rain.
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