



Contributed photo by Erika Backberg. Mary Mack at the North Star Comedy Hour.

Comic Superstar Mary Mack

Brings the humor home to the Northwoods this summer

Article by Parker Sterling

“My name is Mary Mack, and I come from northern Wisconsin. And I want you to know that I have a really dry humor, you know, because I come from a cold, dark place...” Thus begins one of the hilarious stand up monologues of renowned comedian Mary Mack who is bringing some of her “really dry humor” back home to the northwoods this summer with three special events at the Park Center in Hayward on June 8th and August 10th and at Big Top Chautauqua on August 24th.

Appearing on such widely recognized venues as the Tonight Show starring Jimmy Fallon, the

Drew Barrymore Show, and Dry Bar Comedy, Mack has developed a large and loyal following. Folks will also recognize Mack as Wisconsin’s “woman on the street for getting to know the great people and places in Wisconsin” as part of the “Drink Wisconsinly” series. Mack and her brand of humor have become a state and national treasure. Mack herself describes that brand of comedy as not only “really dry” but also as a mash up of “Carol Burnett meets the north woods or Prairie Home Companion meets Red Green, with an edge.”

Born in Minnesota, Mack’s family moved to northern Wisconsin

just before she entered kindergarten. “My parents moved the family up to the camp land in northern Burnett County in NW Wisconsin,” Mack shares and continues, “My dad was a mechanic and my mom, a bartender.” Mack notes what an important role her early upbringing in Wisconsin’s north country played in her development as a comic: “We grew up very rural with a DIY mentality and lots of books, and that has informed every joke or story I’ve ever written.”

Not only did Mack’s northern Wisconsin environs and sensibilities help foment her comic material, but her family also informed and nurtured her creative instincts as an observer and storyteller. “I come from a blue collar family where nobody even knew comedy could be a job till I did it. But my parents, siblings, and cousins all enjoyed a good story, and each had a unique way of telling one. I was the quietest of six kids, so I did a lot of listening to the four older kids and my folks, mostly around a campfire in the summers or ice fishing in the winter.” Mack continues, “It wasn’t till after I had gotten two music degrees that I learned stand up comedy could be a job.”

Growing up, Mack says she enjoyed reruns of the classic comedy shows, shows like The Jack Benny Show, Burns and Allen, and The Carol Burnett Show. She also paid attention to the work of then rising stand up comedians like Ellen DeGeneres and Louie Anderson. Anderson would become Mack’s friend, mentor, and supporter. “Louie Anderson was such a good

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Photo from <https://www.britannica.com/event/Normandy-Invasion>. American assault troops in a landing craft during the Normandy Invasion, June 6, 1944. U.S. Army/National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Honoring the 80th Anniversary of D-Day

Local connections to the “Great Crusade”

Article by Dana Wiezorek

June 6, 2024 marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day, The Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord, codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day. It was the largest seaborne invasion in history, which was the turning point in defeating Nazi Reich in World War II.

When we think of World War II, we automatically think of Germany, Europe as a whole, and other places in the world that the war had affected. But this was a world war, and it involved many people here locally. Men and women who were called to serve, some survived, and some made the ultimate sacrifice as they all defended our freedom.

The Chequamegon Area Veterans Center is going to be hosting an event on June 6, 2024, which will be a series of presentations of local ties to D-Day. The presenters are Jason Janecek and Walter Gurske. The event will be held at the center located at 211 6th Street West in Ashland. The event is free and is open to the public.

“We wanted to recognize the event because it was a monumental event for the history of the world and tie it in with local connections. Everyone knows it all happened, but we wanted to tie in with local families and connections that it had a worldwide and a local impact, and that those from Ashland were heavily involved,” said Janecek.

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Coffee with Garrett and the A.D.

Northland College’s importance to AHS

Article by Garrett Greenwald

The announcement that Northland College was not closing was welcome news to many people, including Ashland Athletic Director Brian Miller.

In this month’s chat, we’ll discuss what Northland College means to Ashland High School and its athletic programs.

Through the years, many of Ashland’s teachers and coaches have had Northland College ties, and the Oredockers share facilities with the Northland College athletic teams.

“There has been a really nice pipeline over the years between Northland College and staff here at the school district,” Miller said. “A lot of our coaches spent time studying or playing (sports) at

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Photo submitted by Seth Meierotto, Marketing Director. The Big Top site as patrons arrive for a summer evening performance.

Big Top Chautauqua and Mt. Ashwabay

Now ‘under one tent’

Article by Tenlee Lund

Most of us are familiar with the summer-winter rhythm of activities at Big Top Chautauqua/Mt. Ashwabay. Big Top, the arts and performance side, offers a busy schedule of musical concerts, along with educational camps and other performances, throughout the warm weather season. Mt. Ashwabay, the outdoor recreation side, is best known for its winter downhill and cross-country skiing, along with summer hiking and mountain biking.

This seasonal give-and-take has been going on for decades, since the two popular entities share a unique 270-acre property between Washburn and Bayfield. But, since February 2022, they’ve shared more than real estate. The two are

becoming one under the umbrella of the Ashwabay Alliance, a process started several years earlier with the encouragement of long-time benefactor Mary Rice.

“Mary was very supportive, she was very visionary and she brought the two together,” explained Gary Schalla, Executive Director of the Ashwabay Alliance. “The ski hill has been in existence for 70 years. Big Top has been here for 39 years.”

During that time the two entities worked out a complementary relationship, where Mt. Ashwabay provided food and beverage service for patrons of Big Top’s summer performances, thus earning year-round income to benefit the ski hill. Rice envisioned the two of them

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Photo by Dana Wiezorek. Larry and Pete Nelson in front of their vault holding the area’s land surveys dating back to 1890.

Nelson Surveying celebrating 70 years and three generations

Article by Dana Wiezorek

Family owned and operated businesses in our area each carry a story of how they came to be from the very beginning to where they are now. Every story is unique and one to be shared and proud of.

Tom “Ol’ Spyglass” Nelson, of Ashland, WI along with his son and grandsons, owners of Nelson Surveying have a story full of history, dating back to pre World War II times. Tom grew up near Houghton, MI, where he loved to fish, hunt, and he enjoyed the outdoors. He made his own snowshoes when he was in middle school, and would cross country ski to school just to avoid house chores.

His love for the outdoors, brought him into a career starting in 1939 for the Lake Superior District Power Company (LSDPC). LSDPC was located in the same building at 101 W Main Street in Ashland, that Nelson Survey operates out of today. He started out on the line crew, and then was promoted to the Engineering Department, and worked under Chief Engineer, John O Forss and Chief of Surveyors, Walter Lindstrom. Tom worked on many different projects for the power company, including hydro and stream power plant design and layout, transmission line design and layout, and property surveys as needed for the power company. He had also worked with Forss and Jerod Day on private land surveys.

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Publisher's Corner

By Dana Wiezorek

This May marks the start of our 15th volume of Bottom Line News and Views to be published, which is very exciting.

20 years ago when my dad and I worked at the Daily Press together, we would always say, "wouldn't it be wonderful to have our own newspaper someday, to publish local, positive news." We are so honored to be where we are today. I am blessed to work with both my mom and dad through this newspaper, and we could not do this without each and everyone of you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Our June issue will be out June 12th - July 9th, with the ad and article deadline being June 28th.

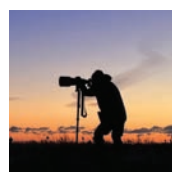
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Northwoods Photos

By Robert Hilbert



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writer," Mack shares and continues, "with no wasted words. He was always very encouraging and taught me a lot about performing and life in general."

So when and how did Mack catch the comic bug and realize she could indeed make a living at stand up? "I was teaching music and band in the day and playing in a polka band at night down in Nashville where

I got my masters degree. In 2003 when our polka band broke up, my bandmate/roommate signed me up for a comedy open mic. The first time I tried comedy at an open mic, I was hooked even though nobody laughed. Teaching beginning band was so loud, I just appreciated the silence. It immediately became serious business for me, because I didn't want to stay at my teaching job." Mack continues, "After that



Contributed Photo (Shelly Mosman): Comedian Mary Mack.

first open mic, I would write for hours each day so I could generate enough material to be able to tour. In comedy, when you think you have 60 good minutes, you probably have 10, so you need a lot of material!" When asked what advice she has for anyone thinking about making a career in comedy, Mack reinforces this life-learned wisdom: "My advice to people starting in comedy is just to write more material than you think you will ever need. In comedy, when you think you have 15 minutes of jokes, you actually only have three."

While her passion and dedication paid off, Mack definitely faced headwinds as a rising female comic. "Early on, and especially when I started headlining," Mack shares, "I learned [comedy] would be a lot harder to do as a woman. Some clubs would ask me to call so they could book me, and when I did they'd say I was too late because they already had three female headliners that year and that's all the women they could have. Their loss, because there are so many funny women."

Mack notes that for female com-

ics, "Things have gotten better, but it's still not equal. I remember I would get unbooked from festivals or tours, because the booker would say, 'Oh sorry, I forgot we already have another lady and she has a high voice, too.' I always thought, 'How many men do you have on your tour and aren't they all in the same vocal range?'" If she was discouraged, Mack didn't slow down and used any pushback as a fulcrum to push forward and keep going. "I never said anything. I just worked harder. It was never fair, so you have to be funnier than the men."

Mack is thriving as a nationally recognizable comedian, and now she's treating the northwoods to three shows this summer. And what can northwoods' audiences look forward to at Mack's live North Star Comedy Hour events this summer? "Audiences can look forward to

high quality entertainment, and being part of a live 'studio' audience," Mack enthuses. (The shows are recorded and put out as podcasts and videos.) She continues, "We are especially excited to launch the North Star Comedy Hour Podcast! The launch party will coincide with our first show of the season on June 8th. We have nationally touring performers at every show, including a jazz musician friend who is a Blue Note recording artist. It's a pretty wholesome show featuring a lot of music, comedy, poetry, sketch and other antics where I like to poke fun at the Upper Midwest." In addition to bringing a wide variety of talented folks together, Mack points out that the variety shows have a unique feel and dynamic: "We're all in it together, including the audience!"

Besides the comedy tour, the new podcast, and another summer in the northwoods, what is Mack excited about? "I'm excited Tattersall Distillery is on hand for our Hayward shows. This show is so labor intensive. I'm very much looking forward to the gin and tonics afterward. Hah! Oh, I also love that we

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Mack's humor is an homage to the place she's called home since she was a child, a place she expresses her enormous admiration of and gratitude for: "I just want to say, I'm grateful for all the support I've received from the North Woods and North Country. I've been trying to make my career work back closer to home to be near my mom and family. The lack of an easily accessible airport is compensated for with the encouragement from show-goers, bookers, and fellow artists up here. I used to have to live seasonally in L.A, and fly every weekend, which I don't enjoy. Somehow because of the wonderful people here, I'm able to be back home most of the time and

still have an entertainment career."

For More Information To learn more about the amazing Mary Mack and her comedy endeavors, visit MaryMackComedy.com or visit @MaryMackComedy on Instagram.

The northwoods will be treated to three appearances this summer by the hilarious Mary Mack (and company). She will bring her show to the Park Center in Hayward on June 8th and August 10th and to Big Top Chautauqua in Bayfield on August 24th. All shows start at 7:30 pm.

The North Star Comedy Hour Podcast launch party will coincide with the first show of the season on June 8th. More information on the launch is available at MaryMackComedy.com.

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Another aspect sometimes we think is that the war only affected the soldiers, but it also changed the role of women in society. With the majority of men being deployed, women had to become part of the workforce, daughters moved back home to help their mother's and each other on the home front, which at that time they were just on the back side of the Great Depression.

"It wasn't just combat in Europe, people back home had to adjust," said Janecek.

"We want to be sure these stories are still being told, and not to be forgotten. Lessons can always be learned from things that happen in history. We are always a nation of different opinions, but we have come together in times that we needed to," said Janecek.

In connection with D-Day the Chequamegon Veterans Center is working with Bay Theatre and hosting a one-day free screening of the movie, *Saving Private Ryan*. "How society remembers events and our collective memory of the events, we want to do something for the community the week before the D-Day Anniversary," said Janecek.

Co-researcher and presenter, Walter Gurske had thought of the idea for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day presentation due to his own family history and after the George Barr program they had hosted.

"I put forward to do this after

the George Barr program. I have my own family connections. My grandfather, Walter Kegel, was born and raised in Ashland. He served as combat engineer, with the 234th combat battalion, one of the amphibious assault engineer units during World War II," said Gurske. "The amphibious assault engineer units were specifically trained to do the beach landings, like at Normandy, and there were only a handful of units at that time. I know my grandparents had this connection to World War II, but then you find bits and pieces of connections from the area, and that is fascinating."

They will be highlighting the stories of the following:

- Hjalmar "Okie" Olkonen – 82nd Airborne Division -US Army
- George B. "Chappie" Wood - 82nd Airborne Division -US Army
- Walter C. "Bud" Kegel – 29th Infantry Division – US Army
- Elizabeth "Beth" Kegel – Walter Kegels wife
- Eugene P. Brinker – 1st Infantry Division – US Army
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"We want to keep the stories alive of the greatest generation to have ever lived," said Janecek.

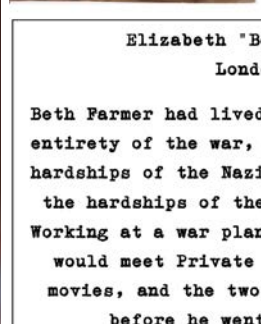
They are still looking for local stories to include in their presentation, and it is not too late. If you have any personal or family connections to the Battle of Normandy, please email ashlanddday@gmail.com.



Hjalmar "Okie" Olkonen
82nd Airborne Division – US Army
Hailing from Ironwood, Okie served as a member of Able Battery, 319th Glider Field Artillery Battalion. He had previously served in the Naples sector in Italy before the he took part in Operation Elmira, the 82nd's phase of the airborne assault on Normandy



Walter C. "Bud" Kegel
29th Infantry Division – US Army
Son of German immigrants, Bud Kegel served as a member of the 234th Engineer Combat Battalion, landing at Omaha Beach. Specially trained as amphibious assault engineers, they were to clear the obstacles for the infantry that followed them onto the shores of France.



Elizabeth "Beth" Kegel
London
Beth Farmer had lived in London for the entirety of the war, having endured the hardships of the Nazi Blitz in 1940 and the hardships of the years to follow. Working at a war plant in the city, she would meet Private Bud Kegel at the movies, and the two would be engaged before he went to France.



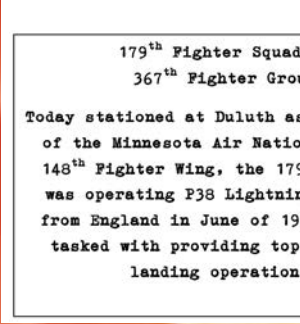
Eugene P. Brinker
1st Infantry Division – US Army
Born and raised in Ashland, Eugene Brinker had served with the famous Big Red One in North Africa and Sicily before joining the assault on Normandy. During the landing on Omaha Beach Private Brinker was killed in action by German fire.



George B. "Chappie" Wood
82nd Airborne Division – US Army
Before serving as a Chaplain with the 82nd Airborne's 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, George B. Wood had been minister at Ashland's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. He would go on to earn the distinction of being the only Chaplain to make every combat jump of the war, and wrote the Airborne Prayer.



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and entertainment was doing their thing and we were doing our thing separately.

“Now we’re getting help from them for food and beverage and we’re providing help to them for the production side. The whole team is working together. There’s a cohesive strategy toward ‘let’s be the absolute best that we’ve ever been.’ It’s exciting.”

Schalla explained, “We can do more together. Coming together really helped to consolidate costs and streamline efficiencies.” But, being new to the area, he is also aware

that patrons and supporters of each entity have strong opinions interwoven with long-standing personal histories. “Some families have been skiing at Mt. Ashwabay for five generations. Big Top has been creating family memories for three generations. We understand and acknowledge those things.”

There are also several diverse voices to consider — the communities of Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield (hence the abbreviation “Ashwabay”), the Red Cliff Band — plus staff and board members and more than 200 volunteers, some of whom have worked with one entity or the other for many years.

“That’s a lot of voices,” Schalla said. “I’ve made it a point to get out into the community and talk with as many diverse voices as I can. My goal over the next two years is to be completely transparent and communicative so people get a feel of who we are and what we want to do. We want to be a resource for the community and tell all these stories, to show that we’re large and diverse and yet we’re all ‘in one tent’ as a community.”

Moving forward, this year’s improvements focus on Mt. Ashwabay, although the expanded deck and turf areas will provide both winter and summer guests with a nice place to gather. Ultimately, the

alliance wants to provide a memorable experience for everyone who visits, whether for a performance or recreation. Schalla wants to enhance what he calls “Chautauqua hospitality, how we treat all of our guests and patrons when they are in our care.”

To that end, visitors will notice that the entry area will soon be very different. To reduce the time people sit in lines in their vehicles, patrons will first park and then walk to a ticket gate. As Olson explained, the idea is to encourage people to come early, park, enter the grounds, maybe take a short hike or sit and relax, grab a beverage and a meal or

snack and savor the beautiful outdoor setting before going into the tent to enjoy a performance.

Another relatively new enhancement is The Backstage, an intimate 84-seat performance venue that serves as a counterpoint to the 1,000-

seat Big Top. The Backstage is the year-round home of the Blue Canvas Orchestra and offers excellent acoustics for open mics, poetry readings and small concerts.

According to Terry Matier, Artistic Director for Big Top Chautauqua, this is a place where the arts take precedence. Patrons can enjoy cocktails and a light meal during a performance but, as Matier explained, “It’s not a bar, it’s not a restaurant, it’s a listening space.” This unique space was created when the Big Top Ticket Office moved from Washburn to its current location south of Bayfield on Highway 13.

Olson, now in his fifth summer at the ski hill, has a history that goes much deeper than that. He grew up in this area. His father was a member of the Mt. Ashwabay ski patrol for 47 years. As he explained, “I learned to ski on this little ski hill,” which led him to compete at the high school and collegiate levels and eventually work at prestigious places like Telluride Ski Resort.

He came back home because “this is where I want to be. There’s something magic about Ashwabay,



Photo submitted by Darcy Schwerin. Learning to ski on at Mt. Ashwabay. Mt. Ashwabay offers the M.A.D. Ski Program teaching children how to ski from beginner levels to intermediate levels on Saturday mornings.

there’s no other way to say it. I really believe in what we do. We want to help the community because the community helps us.”

Schalla also used the word magic, saying, “We want to engage the community on a meaningful level so they know who we are and understand us. We want to include them and invite them into the tent or onto the hill so they can experience the magic that Chautauqua offers.”

Together Big Top/Backstage and Mt. Ashwabay offers year-round arts and recreation, cultural and outdoor opportunities, to residents



Photo submitted by Seth Meierotto, Marketing Director. The iconic Big Top venue as patrons enjoy a performance under the big top tent.

and visitors alike. To find out more, visit www.bigtop.org or www.mtashwabay.org. You’re invited to come into the big tent and experience the magic for yourself.



Photo submitted by Darcy Schwerin. A mountain biker enjoys the Diesel Bear Trail, one of several single track mountain bike trails at Mt. Ashwabay.

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If we don't have it...We can get it!

Sports cont. from front page

Northland. There are a lot of reasons I like it because it's an easy recruit to the high school. In other words, if I find a teacher down in Menomonie and they're graduating from (UW-) Stout and I'm going to try to recruit them to come here to teach and coach something, I have to sell them on why living up in the northern part of the state is a great idea. The Northland kids already know that. They've come to enjoy it and embrace the big lake, so you don't have to convince them that Ashland is a good place to live and work.

"So the Education major that the college sponsors is really important to us, and we have them here right now. My secretary is a recent alum, my assistant girls basketball coach is a recent alum, the golf coach is a recent alum, and we're still trying to hire some kids that are graduating this year that will coach as well as teach for us. So it's a wonderful pipeline, and it has been for quite a while. I was very nervous about them closing."

The Oredockers share many venues with Northland College on campus - baseball and softball fields, soccer and football at Ponzio Stadium - along with the Bay Area Civic Center downtown.

"They've been very welcoming," Miller said about Northland allowing high school events on campus. "The people I deal with at the college about facilities are very help-

ful. They like having our kids walk around up there. Three of our girls soccer players had a signing about a month ago, and they want to play soccer at Northland."

Miller said there have been conflicts this spring with baseball due to weather, while the softball team has been able to play all its home games at LumberJill Field because injuries forced the Northland College women's team to cancel their season.

Playing on the turf at Ponzio Stadium has given the highly successful girls soccer team a proven competitive edge and is a great option for them.

"We've played every one of our soccer games at Ponzio this spring," Miller said. "We have a really nice grass field, so initially it's field conditions and (being) wet. Most of the schools that sponsor football and full-blown soccer programs have gone to turf fields. So (Ashland coach) Jonny BeBeau likes the girls to be well-practiced and very comfortable playing on turf because probable three-quarters of their games are played on turf now as opposed



Photo by Jennifer Bradle. Ashland's Kallie Bradle controls the ball during Ashland's 8-0 win over Somerset in soccer action April 20th at Ponzio Stadium. The Oredockers have played all their home games this season on the turf at Ponzio Stadium on the campus of Northland College.

to grass. I love grass, and we have a wonderful grass field, but that's kind of what schools are doing."

In the past, Ashland has played football games at Ponzio Stadium when weather forced Weikal Field at Oredockers Stadium to be unplayable. The Oredockers have played at Weikal Field for decades, and many fans like the history and the nostalgia of the venue.

"I think if you asked the kids, they would probably rather play at Ponzio," Miller said. "It's newer, and they don't have the decades and decades of history."

As for hockey, the teams share a very busy BACC.

"A lot of that Civic Center being run is that the college pays a lot of money to host their mens' and

women's teams there," Miller said. "We work really well. They're very nice about sharing their time. The youth still get in there. In winter, the ice isn't empty very much down at the Civic Center. Someone is skating almost all the time."

The social and economic reasons for Northland College staying open have been well-documented in social media. The Ashland school district benefits from its pipeline and facilities.

"I think it's really important," Miller said. "It's an identifier. People know where Northland College is around the state. I would be so sad if it closed. It would be heart-breaking."



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Nelson cont. from front page

In April of 1941, Tom enlisted in the US Army and served with the 133 Anti-Aircraft Battalion. He became a Sargent and led an anti-aircraft team with stops throughout Europe and Southeast Asia. He was honorably discharged in October of 1945.

After the war, he returned to work at LSDPC and was promoted to lead all survey crews in 1947, and continued to work on more projects for the company. In 1954 Tom began doing small private surveys for local land owners, and completed the surveys in his spare time. This was the start of Nelson Surveying, and this year marks their 70th anniversary. Tom had officially left the power company in 1957 to pursue surveying full time, since there was a need for a full-time professional land surveyor in the area, and founded Nelson Surveying.

In 1973, after graduating from UW-EC, Larry Nelson, Tom's son, started working full time for his father. Larry had worked part time for the firm since 1964. In 1974, long time employee Tim Oksiuta started working with Nelson Surveying. When Larry started in the profession the equipment used was basically the same that had been used by land surveyors for the previous 100 years.

That all changed with the Information Era. Calculations no longer had to be made with paper, pencil and trigonometric tables as calculators and computers became available. Electronic surveying equipment made collecting the field data faster. Computer aided drafting software soon replaced drafting maps by hand. GPS equipment had also aided in the collection of the field data. Although the collection of the field data has changed, the most important responsibility of a professional land surveyor has not. That responsibility is using all the data collected, recorded deeds, and

other evidence to determine the deed lines of property.

Fast forward a few years, current owner Pete Nelson, Tom's grandson, said, "Growing up, I remember when the company was still working out of my grandpa's home. I would jump off the bus, say hi to everyone in the office, and go see grandma for the afternoon snack which was always something homemade and sweet. I can remember seeing all the drafting tables, map files, and other survey equipment but gravitated to the old typewriter. There was nothing more mesmerizing than seeing and hearing all the moving parts of those old machines. I have always had an affinity to mathematics, history, and the outdoors, but going into the family business never crossed my mind, initially. It was not until I spent a semester in college, at UW-Stout, that I realized that all my interests and pastimes were wrapped up into one profession, land surveying. The career I had been searching for was staring me right in the face, the whole time."

"During the summer months, I would hire his friends to work for me. Summer of 2001, Pete came to me and asked if I was hiring this summer, and I asked him which one of his friends were looking? He said, me dad," explained Larry with a laugh.

Pete, along with his brother Jason Nelson had then started working full time for their dad in 2004, after graduating from college, and marked the start of the third generation in the family business. In 2014 Jason and Pete both became Professional Land Surveyors. Pete then followed Tim Oksiuta, who was his mentor in the field, learning the trade of a surveyor. In the office he mentored his dad Larry, learning how to interpret the data collected and book work. As a few more years had passed, Pete and Jason purchased the business in 2017, and Larry and Tim had both retired

a few years later. In 2022 Jason had left the business to pursue career opportunities in Minneapolis, and Pete is now the primary owner.

"Singling one 'favorite' part of the business is difficult because I enjoy so many aspects of it," said Pete. "If I had to pick one, it would be the family history and traditions that I get to be a part of and rediscover every day. There are some projects where I am the first surveyor to visit a particular location in decades and the people that I am following are often my dad or grandpa. Finding corners or other surveying evidence that were placed by family members has always been a favorite of mine. I can be standing in what most would consider the 'middle of nowhere' and know that my grandpa marked that tree or set that corner 50 years prior."

"Thank you! Our family firm would not be as successful or lasted this long if it were not for the support of our local community. Obviously, a big part of our success is rooted in the foundations established by my grandpa and built up by my dad. In addition, our employees (past and present) have been an



Contributed photo. Three generations of land surveyors on the day Pete and Jason graduated from college in 2004. Pictured left to right: Larry, Jason, Tom, and Pete Nelson.

integral part in the success of this company. That said our rural communities were built and continue to thrive based on the residents, businesses, and governments working together to support each other. We try to support our local residents and businesses as much as possible and know that a big part of our success is based on the success of the surrounding communities. My goal is to continue the small town feel of our firm while building on the products and services that we can provide. Being rooted in the past while eyeing the future," said Pete.

For more information on Nelson Surveying, visit nelsonsurveying.com or call 715-682-2692. Located at 101 W Main Street, Ashland WI. They will also be hosting the May Business After 5 on May 22nd, held at New China Restaurant in Ashland. Also, watch for them in this year's 4th of July Parade!

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The live music doesn't stop there. The 2024 season of Washburn's Music in the Parks kicks off on May 29th, with The Whitecaps playing from 6pm-8pm at Legion Park, and runs through August. Back by popular demand will be our Make Music Day Celebration on June 19th. The local student band A Little Stitious will be playing while the Washburn Schools Music Department sells brats & root beer floats to raise money for the music program. All of the concerts are free and this year they will all take place at Legion Park. Grab some take out from your favorite local places and enjoy an evening of live music. The Wednesday farmers market on Central Ave. also returns in June and will run all summer long. This is the perfect opportunity to check out the market, then head over to Music in the Park just on the other side of the Cultural Center. The full schedule is available for download on our website or you can pick up copies at the chamber office, and other local businesses.

The much-anticipated Annual City-Wide Garage Sale is back and will be held on Saturday, June 15th. Be sure to register so that you can be included on the map of sales and get your official yard sign.

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Looking Back, Moving Forward

By Dan Theno

Ah, spring in Wisconsin, kinda. One day it is 70 degrees and the next day it is 30 degrees. We struggle to decide if we should turn on the AC or the furnace. Sometimes we give up and turn them both on and “let them fight it out.”

Eventually things will warm up and by July we will be looking forward to cooler temperatures. At my home in Green Bay my daffodils and tulips are popping up and starting to bloom so I assume that true spring and summer are not far behind.

We Wisconsinites complain bitterly about our temperatures being too cold or too hot. Never satisfied. In August we lament that it is too hot, and we are looking forward to a cooler October. In January we lament that it is too cold and fondly remember the warmer days of summer.

What fools are we! Hey, in the Great State of Wisconsin we actually have four distinct seasons. Who wants our seasons to be monochrome and boring? Would you really want to live in Florida, Texas, or Arizona where the seasons are “hot” and “not so hot”? Or how about Alaska where the seasons are “cold” and “really cold and I got to get out of here?”

I have a friend in Houston, Texas, the heat and humidity capital of the world. He called me after we received 14” of snow on Green Bay in a day this past winter and ribbed me about my snow-bound isolation. My response was this: “Fred, In Wisconsin we can always add layers of clothing to keep warm in winter. I hot Texas in summer you can only take off so many clothes before you are arrested for indecent exposure.” That shut him up.

Hot or cold, enjoy the fact that our Wisconsin seasons are never boring. They can be downright beautiful, entertaining, and interesting. In the dead of winter is there anything more peaceful than watching bluejays and cardinals at a bird feeder while enjoying a cup of hot chocolate during a northern snowstorm? In spring the green rolling hills of central and western Wisconsin are simply stunning. Making a trip to Madison to visit our beautiful State Capitol and swinging by for a Brewer’s game in Milwaukee in summer makes for great memories. How about fall? Is there anything more beautiful than the reflections of fall colors on the water of a Northern Wisconsin lake?

Unfortunately we simple people succumb to the notion of the old cow that comes to the fence and thinks that “the grass is greener on the other side.” It is not.

Wisconsin is one of the truly unique, beautiful places on the planet. Be very thankful that God granted you the privilege of living in such a special place. Enjoy its four seasons. Enjoy Wisconsin’s beautiful topography, interesting communities, local festivals, and recreational opportunities of every kind. Above all, stop complaining about the weather.

As you explore Wisconsin, you might even discover that it is also populated by some of the most talented, hardworking, intelligent, and friendly people you will find anywhere. ON, WISCONSIN !

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

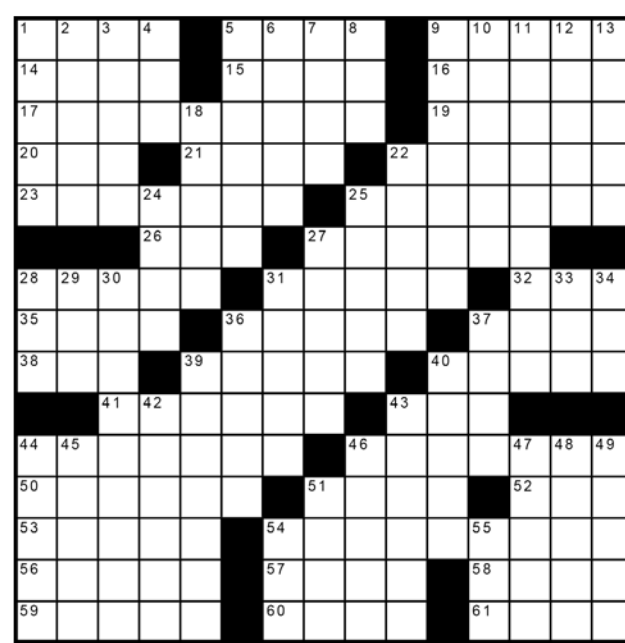
"Sirens" by Mark McClain

Across

1. Movie credits listing
5. Get in the game
9. Put off to the future
14. Garden of Eden guy
15. Minstrel's instrument
16. Banish from the land
17. Vehicle with a siren
19. Farm size units
20. Named time period
21. Far from easy
22. Able to speak easily
23. Rudolph's shiner
25. Afternoon naps
26. "You ___ here"
27. Not so far away
28. Throw with effort
31. Typeface sets
32. "Born in the ___"
35. TV award
36. Engine covers
37. Scored 100 on
38. Massage
39. Sermons or speeches
40. Enjoys
41. Turns over
43. Mideast land (abbr.)
44. Map books
46. In dispute
50. Mariner's maps
51. "Pumped" metal
52. Sch. course with x's
53. On edge, nervous
54. Reason for a siren
56. Event announcer
57. Ditty
58. Ladder element
59. Accomplishments
60. Some resorts
61. Actor's gig

Down

1. Frivolous prank
2. Love to bits
3. Leafy first course



4. Oversharing letters
5. The "magic word"
6. "Filthy" money
7. Just slightly
8. "___ out!" (Ump's call)
9. Showroom owners
10. "Well, ___ me!"
11. Vehicle with a siren
12. Justice Kagan
13. Takes it easy
18. To-do list item
22. Cars from Italy
24. Admiral's branch
25. Ships via UPS
27. Cozy corners
28. That woman
29. Big Aussie bird
30. Vehicle with a siren
31. Gives up, in poker
33. Observe
34. Commercials
36. Big name in briefs
37. Shows on TV
39. Exam takers
40. Twisting the truth
42. Analyzed, in grammar
43. Walmart and Kroger
44. Worked on a stage
45. Coordinated motif
46. Concert venue
47. "Jolly old elf"
48. Stomach problem
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51. "My turn to bat!"
54. UFO passengers
55. Mystical power, briefly

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Senior's Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

Vouchers available in Bayfield County starting June 2024

Submitted article

We are happy to announce that the Bayfield County Department of Human Services is once again distributing the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) vouchers to low-income seniors this Summer. The goal of this program is to help seniors improve their diets with fresh produce while giving local farmers more business and adding support to the local economy.

If eligible, you will receive one set of vouchers worth a total of \$45 to be spent at SFMNP certified farmers' markets and farm stands. Each person in an eligible household can qualify for a set of vouchers. If you would like to apply, please call Marianne Johnson at 715-373-3355 to have an application sent to you. Applications will be mailed starting in May and vouchers will be mailed starting in June 2024. All vouchers will be distributed on a "first come first served" basis based on when the signed and completed eligibility form is received by Bayfield County DHS staff.

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a Bayfield County resident, 60 or older (55 or older if you are Native American), and at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL). 185% of the Federal Poverty Level would be: one-person household, \$2,322/month. For a two-person household, 185% FPL is \$3,152/month. Income is self-declared; you do not need to show verification of income.

After all the vouchers have been distributed people will be notified, they are on a waiting list (again in order forms are received) and will be updated if they are sent vouchers later. If you have any questions, would like an application, or, to verify program details please contact Marianne Johnson at 715-373-3355.

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Why has Microsoft picked Wisconsin for its AI data center? Just ask AI

By Tom Still

The question on the minds of many people now that Microsoft has decided to invest \$3.3 billion in an artificial intelligence data center in Racine County is "why Wisconsin?" versus the West or East coasts or overseas.

The short answer: Microsoft leaders, who are familiar with the state, see it as the kind of place where AI innovations in manufacturing can be put to work quickly and with a solid return on investment.

Year after year, Wisconsin ranks either No. 1 or No. 2 in the percentage of its workforce engaged in manufacturing, often swapping places with Indiana. In fact, when I asked ChatGPT4 what industry sectors in Wisconsin are best positioned to benefit from AI, here's what came back: food and beverage processing, industrial machinery and equipment, automotive components, medical devices and equipment, chemicals and plastics, paper products and electronics and electrical equipment.

"If you put this data center almost anywhere else in the country, I'm not sure there would nearly the potential return," said Buckley Brinkman, who leads the Wisconsin Center of Manufacturing and Productivity and who has been an advocate for state industries large and small to adopt the new technology.

The reasons are simple enough: AI can help Wisconsin manufacturers be more efficient and productive; better predict maintenance downtime; optimize supply chains; and control quality. Its predictive properties can help reduce energy use and waste on the front end and avoid costly mistakes or down time on the back end.

"AI is going to be transformational," Brinkman said. "It's all about making products that can be com-

petitive around the world. Plus, it's building on a strength that Wisconsin has... our manufacturing sector and the practical streak of the people who are behind it."

For those who were initially excited (present company included) when Foxconn announced plans in 2017 to invest \$10 billion in a flat-panel screen manufacturing plant in Racine County, Wednesday's Microsoft unveiling could be viewed with skepticism.

There are some major differences, however, starting with the fact that Microsoft appears committed to under-promising and over-delivering. Foxconn's predictions of up to 13,000 jobs came right out of the gate, while Microsoft has built on a March 2023 announcement of 460 jobs on a much smaller footprint. What was initially a 315-acre site is now 1,345 acres with a total investment of \$226 million in real estate alone, much of which is already shovel-ready.

There are other reasons to believe Microsoft will follow through. For starters, company president Brad Smith and Satya Nadella, its chairman and chief executive officer, both has Wisconsin ties. Smith was born and grew up in Wisconsin; Nadella holds a degree from UW-Milwaukee.

The company is also the leading partner in TiletownTech, a venture capital firm formed out of a partnership between the Green Bay Packers and Microsoft. It has invested in startups and done a lot to accelerate their development, particularly in Green Bay.

Microsoft appears much more willing than Foxconn to put its faith in other Wisconsin resources that can help to make the whole project work. That includes an

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By
Ken Anderson

Long Ago Love Letters

One of my favorite pastimes is listening to music. I especially enjoy music from the 50s and 60s. Country songs often revolved around broken hearts and failed romances. Doo Wop music from the fifties frequently features young love, holding hands, and sad farewells.

Another popular theme that found its way into music over the years is the writing of love letters. Some of the more famous love letter tunes are the 1957 Pat Boone hit Love Letters in the Sand and Billie Williams's 1957 hit I'm Going to Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter. Elvis Presley had the 1962 hit Return to Sender, and Stevie Wonder hit the charts with his 1970s hit Signed Sealed Delivered.

I have to admit that I have never written a love letter song. However, I wrote my share of love letters to my wife in 1969 while I was teaching in Boyceville, and she attended UWEC. We never failed to write a daily letter from October 1969, when we first met, until the day before we married on August 1, 1970. I am sure of these dates as my wife recently found all these letters of love safely stored in a box in our basement.

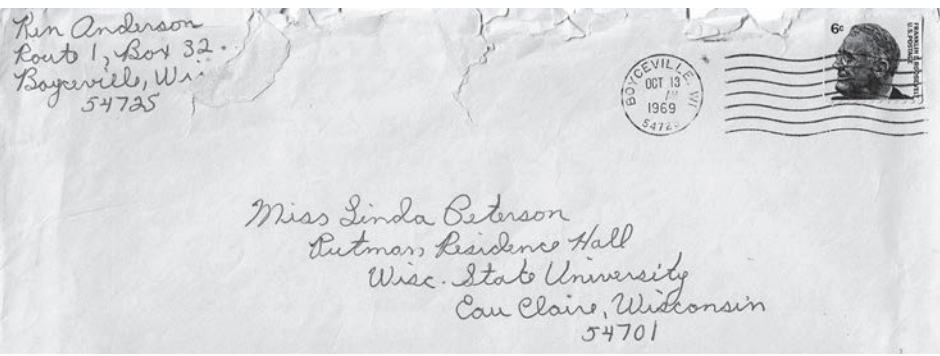
I carefully sorted all the letters we wrote those 54 years ago. We decided to reread the letters of our

early love in the order in which they were written and read. I knew I would enjoy reading them, but I had no idea those letters would rekindle all the emotions and memories from that beautiful year of my life. Reading those words we wrote so many years ago was almost like reliving a year of our lives. My wife Linda was just 18 when she received her first letter from me asking for a date, and I was 23 when I received her written reply saying she would love to go out with me. The rest is history.

Reading those treasured letters enabled Linda and me to relive the most memorable year of our lives. We read the words of our promises 54 years ago, and we can proudly say we kept those promises. Our words spoke of our young love and, hopes and dreams for the future. And I am not embarrassed to say rereading those letters brought both laughter and tears to me.

History has recorded the love letters of many famous people. I discovered that books of the love letters of English poets Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barret Browning, written from 1845 to 1846, are for sale on eBay. But alas, the love letters of Kenneth Anderson and Linda Peterson Anderson shall remain private forever.

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AI co-innovation laboratory at UW-Milwaukee, a training agreement with Gateway Technical College in southeast Wisconsin, and a relationship with gener8tor, a Wisconsin-born accelerator with locations nationwide and beyond.

Finally, the indigenous feel surrounding the project is helped by its location, which is adjacent to I-94 in what I have long called the "I-Q Corridor," with the "I" standing for interstate, innovation and the "Q" suggesting quality. There is every reason for Microsoft to be a part of a corridor that runs south to Chicago and north and west to Green Bay, the Fox Valley and Madison.

Did the announcement come in a political year in a swing state? Of course. There will be those who have their doubts based on those circumstances alone. However, in a world where artificial intelligence has already burst onto the scene, the Microsoft data center is much more about right time and right place.

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In League

By Linda Jorgenson, Board Member

America Needs solidarity, Not More Inequality: "We Need Fair Taxes" Part 2

In our April In League column, we reported that 70% of Americans, Republicans and Democrats, want everyone to pay their fair share in taxes. Enough of "trickledown economics" where the big corporations and the ultra-rich game the tax code to avoid paying taxes.

A number of bi-partisan efforts for comprehensive tax reform are being proposed in Congress. Here are six pieces of legislation worth talking to our Congressional Representatives and Senators about. This is election season, a good time to get their ear!

1. The Corporate Tax Dodging Prevention Act. It would stop corporations from sheltering profits in off-shore tax havens, eliminate tax breaks for companies who ship jobs overseas, and restore the corporate tax rate to 35% - the rate which was in place from 1993 to 2017.

2. The Ultra-Millionaire Tax Act of 2024. It would enact a 2% tax on the wealth of families worth more than \$50 million to \$1 billion and a 3% tax for the 741 Americans who make more than \$1 billion per year. It is estimated that this would bring \$3 trillion in revenue over 10 years without raising taxes on the 99.5% of American households that have net worth below \$50 million.

3. Global Minimum tax on wealthy individuals and corporations. Under discussion by the G20 countries are rules that would block most of the tax shifting that enables big corporations and wealthy individuals to transfer assets between countries to avoid paying taxes. (The Group of 20 is an intergovernmental forum that addresses global economic issues.)

4. For the 99.5% Act. This bill would establish a progressive estate tax on the top 0.5% and close a lot of the loopholes that allow wealthy families to evade paying any estate taxes when they transfer wealth to their heirs.

5. The Disclose Act (S. 443 and H.R. 1118). Requires organizations spending money in elections - including PACs and 501(c)(4) groups - to promptly disclose donors who have given more than \$10,000/election cycle.

6. The Stop Corporations and Higher Earners from Avoiding Taxes and Enforce Rules Strictly (CHEATERS) Act, which would provide \$100 billion in additional funding to the IRS over a decade - \$70 billion for enforcement, \$20 billion for taxpayer services, and \$10 billion for IT and operations support.

This package of tax reform initiatives would go a long way to eliminate our budget deficit and generate revenue for our cash strapped schools, law enforcement and EMS, aging and disability services, lack of affordable housing, and water and sewer treatment upgrades. Our elected representatives need to hear from us!!

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The role of business plans in small town success

Article by Molly Chabi-Christiansen, FUNDDiversity Outreach Coordinator

Here in the Northwoods life would not be the same without our small businesses. We all have that coffee shop we call home and that special stylist we trust to cut our hair just right. Entrepreneurs work their butts off to help provide us with the services that support our unique way of life. Although they may make it look effortless, a lot of the businesses we love were built from the ground up here on the shores of Chequamegon Bay. But how did these professionals transform a passion into a livelihood that can support themselves and the business?

Why, a business plan of course! When bringing a dream into reality, it is easy for crucial details to be put to the side and forgotten. A business plan helps to organize the critical aspects of your vision. Specifically, the nitty-gritty ones that cause anxiety, such as growth projections and legal structures. It is a reference document that encompasses the businesses objectives, how it functions, and projections for the future.

Let's dive into a few ways a thorough business plan can help support entrepreneurs over the course of their business journey:

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situations.

- Helps You Plan for Crisis. We always want to hope for the best and plan for the worst. AADC's one on one business planning helps you define success and failure, as well as plan for unexpected changes- such as death or the dissolution of partnerships. By doing this an entrepreneur frees up their head space to focus on growing the business and if disaster strikes their stability is better protected through their preparations.

- Legitimizes the Business to Possible Funders and Partnerships. Whether you are applying for a loan, grant, or seeking out partnerships, a business plan is an indispensable resource. Similarly to how a resume demonstrates legitimacy to future employers, a well thought out business plan demonstrates to funders that your business is a reliable investment.

Creating this document can be daunting. Which explains why, since 2023, over 60 entrepreneurs have taken advantage of AADC's free one-on-one business plan coaching. At AADC, we provide you with all the resources to create a successful business plan, along with opportunities to rent office space, and take advantage of revolving low interest loans. Additionally, AADC's latest initiative, FUNDDiversity, provides services specifically for women, indigenous, people of color, and LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs. These services encompass complimentary one-on-one business planning, specialized business classes, personalized mentoring, and potential grant funding to assist with down payments on approved loans.

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Submitted photo. The start/finish line for this year's race.

George's Goats for Grammas Run/Walk 2024

Article by Jim Anderson, Race Director

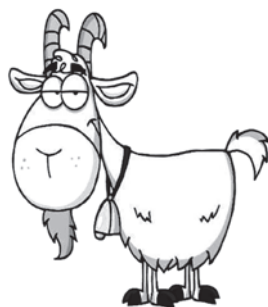
George's Goats had another very special year thanks to the runners, walkers, volunteers, and sponsors. This event means different things to different people. Some like the competition. Some enjoy a walk through the woods. Then there are those that win in competition for the first time. Finally there is giving to those who truly have needs, and the money given gets to the orphans, in this insistence, with only postage being taken out.

The course continues to have back roads, trail, and railroad grade. Our 5 km winners were; Steven Deckert in the men's with a time of 19:06 and Jordyn Kutyba in the women's with a time of 24:56. Our 5 mile winners were; Jake McCusker in the men's with a time of 34:00 and

Josie Nelson in the women's with a time of 35:14. The 2km course is for those who wanted to prove they could and did.

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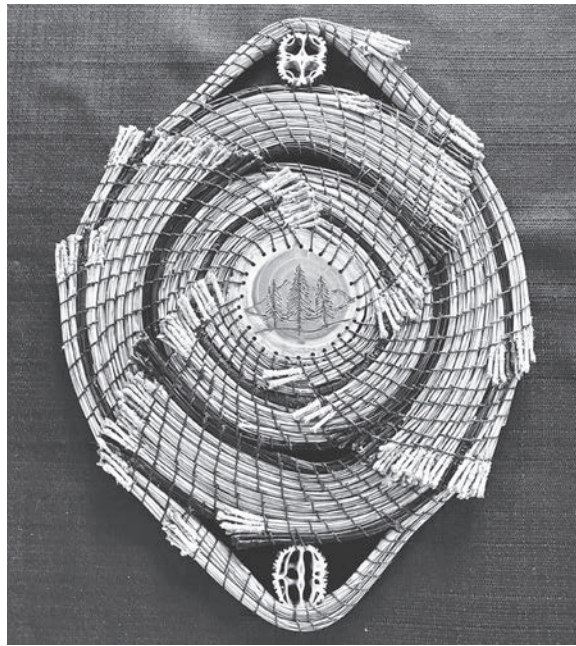
Explore the fascinating world of Fiber Arts

Submitted article and photo

The Third Annual Variations: Fiber Arts show is taking center stage at the Washburn Cultural Center (WCC) galleries throughout the month of June. Variations emphasizes works created for aesthetic, thought provoking, educational and emotional or spiritual value, distinguishing it from fiber works created primarily for function.

The several hundred people viewing last year's show expressed amazement and pleasure at the scope, professionalism and variety of the art works. "A visit to Variations will challenge, delight and intrigue you," commented one visitor, echoing the sentiments of many. Bernadine Baffer from Seattle said she found the fiber show at WCC galleries to be a treasure. "Best show ever", "Wow" and "This show touched my heart" are further expressions of appreciation. Entering its third year, Variations is becoming one of WCC's premier shows.

Returning artists and an influx of new fiber creators hold promise for another captivating display. The medium knows no bounds with works incorporating paper, yarn, wood string, fabric, grass, hair, metals, silk and other fibers. Tech-



niques showcase the versatility and ingenuity of the artists. including weaving, crocheting, braiding, stitching, netting, wrapping, felting and other methods.

Variations: Fiber Art will run June 4-29 at the Washburn Cultural Center, 1 East Bayfield St., Washburn, WI. For further information about this invitational show, contact the center 715-373-5591, or email Washburnculturalcenter@gmail.com. All are invited to attend an opening reception on Thursday, June 6, 5-7:00 pm. Center hours are Tuesday-Sunday noon to 4:00 pm.



Extraordinarily Ordinary

By
Beth Probst

I Voted

My husband's name recently appeared on the Spring election ballot for school board. It marked a great opportunity for my 10-year-old and I to experience the power of voting together with just the promise of an I voted sticker (and also explain why bribery for votes is not legal, even if it is just dad). As I attempted to explain the power of Democracy and a single vote in the quarter mile drive to my son's elementary school, I couldn't help but think of James Clear's book Atomic Habits. In it, Clear says "every action you take is a vote for the type of person you wish to become". If you think about it, it makes sense. Our lives are an accumulation of the countless, seemingly mundane decisions we make all day long. Equally as important is acknowledging that inaction is in fact an action - a decision to do nothing.

Like many middle-aged moms, I've been on a health journey for years. I battle a mid-section bulge that Perimenopause and the Pandemic only exasperated. I know my struggles are not unique, yet the solution is extremely personal. It isn't easy to rewire one's relationship with food but I'm finding that baby steps matter. Single decisions that inch me towards a goalpost of being physically, mentally and emotionally sound around my health.

The easiest example of this is starting my day with green sludge, AKA drinking greens. I opted for a powder that is also available in to go packets - a successful attempt in removing any barriers or excuses. I question the marketing of these products. The promise of 10 fruits and vegetable servings, along with solving all of your health concerns ranging from gut health to digestion, memory loss, cholesterol and more. But these promises aren't why I'm drinking this - instead it is about a promise to myself. It is a foundation to each day that plants a seed that I'm the girl that drinks green sludge for breakfast instead of eating donuts. An opportunity to see food as fuel versus endless do-

pamine induced shots of sugar.

It took a while but I managed to find one that's less slurry than the others, has ingredients I primarily recognize as positive, and is semi-affordable. After 3-months, I even find myself enjoying it. I share this not because I have some fabulous before and after picture that'll wow you. In fact, you cannot see any difference at all. I share this because I've found, that despite what Instagram influencers tell you, the greatest transformations in life are not viewable online.

I still enjoy too much sugar. But, this habitual daily dose of green is one more vote towards the person I'm aiming to become. One more signal to myself that progress is movement and movement leads to momentum.

Think about that the next time you have a decision to make. Do you scroll mindlessly on your phone or engage in a conversation with your kid. Do you binge watch Netflix or go for a walk outside. Do you show up at the polls or vent on Facebook. Do you fill your mind with an incredible novel or conspiracy theories online. Each decision is a choice. And the great or not so great thing about choices is we make hundreds of them every single day. What choice will you make next?

My son's learning about choices as well. For those wondering, voters opted to elect my husband to school board. In an attempt to explain what that position means, I failed miserably and unknowingly sent him to school believing he no longer has to follow rules because dad is the boss of the school. While I'm sure staff loved that for the one day it lasted...that interpretation and action landed our kid in a bit of trouble and an understanding that while we may live in a Democracy, Dictatorship is alive and well in the Probst household.

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Embrace Your Space

By Michele Tegen

Color & Light

'Yes,' she replies. 'I decided that I wouldn't wear black anymore.' 'From now on, I'm going to wear bright colors, and find somebody who'll fall in love with me. That'll be different, won't it?' Fiona from Four Weddings and a Funeral, RICHARD CURTIS

I've been challenging myself to brighten my wardrobe, like Fiona did.

Someone asked me the other day if I set my clothes out the night before. I immediately replied no, I choose my outfits based solely on my mood and what color speaks to me. I think this is one of the reasons I struggle with packing for a trip too. How will I know what color I'll need or want that day?

I recently saw Mandy Patinkin live and he's the inspiration for this month's article. One of my favorite roles of his was when he played the artist George Seurat in the musical Sunday in the Park with George, and the title of this article is based on one of the songs from the musical: "Color and light, There's only color and light..."

One of Seurat's most famous quotes is "Art is not meant to be understood, but to be felt." I FEEL that when it comes to color.

Color is mood altering. Color is energetically altering. Color sets a 'tone'. Color has a vibration.

It's no coincidence that McDonald's chooses red for their restaurants. There are colors that cause us to be hungry, and colors that influence us to relax. There's a lot of science behind color and how it affects us, and popular businesses definitely do their research when they design their spaces.

We can choose colors to blend in or stand out. To create dimension and the effect of the walls closing

in or moving back. Accent walls are a great example of this.

I also have a theory as to why using grey in our homes became so incredibly popular during the pandemic. Grey was everywhere, it became the go-to "neutral". This is also true for people that were selling their homes. Most chose to paint every room grey. My personal belief in this is because grey is industrial. It's the color of cement, sterile, cold, strong, solid, stable. Many of us needed this - whether consciously or subconsciously - to help navigate the intense fear of viruses, germs, and uncertainty. My artist friend Susan Lince said, "I don't know why we paint tree trunks brown, they're actually grey." It was one of those ah-ha moments! Grey can be grounding and that was something we desperately needed in a world that had turned upside down.

Color has that power!

Think about the impact the color of your front door has on your home. Color psychologists suggest that the color of the front door can make a powerful statement about the home or the owner.

In the art of Feng Shui, the entrance door is known as the "mouth."

Debbie Zimmer, color expert at the Paint Quality Institute says, "Like a necktie, which is the focal point of an outfit, the front door is the focal point of the home, the color there sends a strong message."

What does your front door say about you?

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the first thing we did upon arriving home is to pause, look up, smile, and feed our hearts and spaces with good energy? Is a front door really that powerful? It is. And so are the colors you choose in your sacred space.

Notice of seasonal ATV/UTV trails now open

Submitted article

Bayfield County ATV/UTV trails are officially open. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest trails will also open on that date, rescinding the closure order from earlier this year.

Trails are in spring condition and maintenance crews are actively working on the trails. Please be aware of your surroundings, ride with caution, and report any downed/hazardous trees or other trail issues as soon as possible to the Bayfield County Forestry & Parks Department at (715) 373-6114 or forestry@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov.

In addition to using caution, please stay on the designated trails and routes and follow the trail signs.

New trail maps are available and can be found at area businesses and local Chambers of Commerce; they can also be viewed and ordered online along with updated trail conditions at <http://travelbayfieldcounty.com/atvtrails>.

You can also access the Bayfield County ATV/UTV trail map on the Avenza app - download the map while you have an internet connection before you head out and you can locate yourself while you're out on the trails.

Notice of NWWIB Public Meetings for May 2024

Submitted article

There will be a meeting of the NWWIB Strategic Directions & Development Committee on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at 10:00 AM via Zoom. For meeting details or Zoom access, please contact Mari Kay-Nabozny at mari@nwwib.com.

There will be a meeting of the NWWIB One-Stop-Operator on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024, at 1:00 PM via Zoom. For meeting details or Zoom access, please contact Mari Kay Nabozny at mari@nwwib.com.

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More training for rural EMS

A lifeline, not a burden

By Jay McDonald, RN NREMT

I was deeply concerned to read about the Bayfield & Ashland County EMS Council's recent letter opposing the increase in training hours for pre-hospital providers.

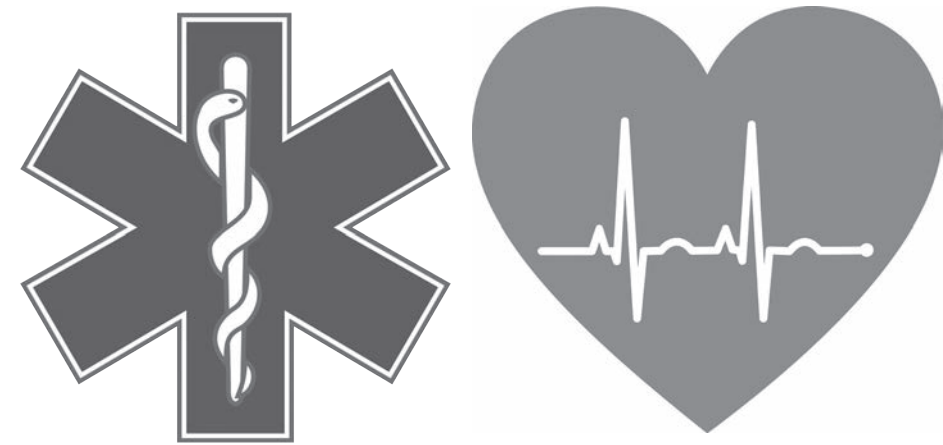
While I understand the challenges faced by volunteer EMS services, particularly in rural areas like northern Wisconsin, I believe this stance prioritizes short-term expediency over long-term patient care.

The vast distances and limited resources inherent to our region necessitate a highly skilled pre-hospital workforce. Increasing training hours isn't a burden, it's a lifeline. More comprehensive training translates to stronger, more capable providers – a critical advantage when every minute counts.

The Council expresses concern

that additional training will exacerbate the current recruitment crisis. However, I believe the answer lies not in reducing standards, but in addressing the root causes of the crisis itself. Volunteer EMS services need to look inward and focus on improving organizational culture and leadership. These factors are far more likely to deter potential volunteers than the prospect of acquiring the skills necessary to save lives.

Investing in our EMS workforce is an investment in the health and safety of our entire community. I urge the Council to reconsider its position and embrace this opportunity to strengthen our rural emergency medical services.



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Tamarack Health in Hayward offers enhanced pregnancy and birth care services

With a focus on continuity of care

Submitted article

Tamarack Health Hayward Medical Center offers comprehensive pregnancy and birth care services at its Family Birthplace in Hayward, Wisconsin. Known for its personalized and accessible approach to healthcare, Tamarack Health emphasizes a continuity of care model, ensuring that expecting parents receive personalized and consistent care from the same doctor throughout the prenatal period to delivery and beyond.

The Family Birthplace at Tamarack Health is equipped with large private birthing suites and offers a range of birthing options to meet the diverse needs and preferences of every family. Each birthing experience is tailored to honor the birth plan of the parents, incorporating practices like immediate skin-to-skin contact, delayed cord-clamping, and the involvement of the birth partner.

Dr. Karlye Rodriguez-Wisdom, a part of the Family Medicine + OB care team, shared her enthusiasm for the work they do at Tamarack Health, "The care model here is unique and really very special. As a physician, I spend many hours with mom throughout the pregnancy with prenatal visits and regular checks."

Adding to the sentiment, Dr. Katrina Gardner remarked on the profound joy of working with newborns and their families. "When it comes time to deliver, the mother's same doctor will be called—the one they're already very familiar with and know. It's such an honor to be part of that journey and be at the bedside when that life event is happening. I don't think there's anything better."

For families preparing for the arrival of their new member, Tamarack Health offers the "Journey

Through Parenthood" program, consisting of tours, prenatal classes, and breastfeeding support designed to educate and familiarize families with the childbirth process. Additional resources include prenatal yoga and a comprehensive support system to ensure parents are well-prepared. The primary care doctor then transitions as the newborn's primary doctor.

Expecting parents and the local community are invited to reach out to Tamarack Health for more information on these services and to schedule a visit. The dedicated team at Tamarack Health is here to support families every step of the way, making the miracle of birth as comfortable and joyous as possible.

For pregnancy and birth care inquiries, please contact the Family Birthplace at Tamarack Health in Hayward by calling 715.934.4211 or visit tamarackhealth.org.

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The BRICK's temporary pantry has new location

By Liz Seefeldt, Executive Director

You may have seen our posts on social media. "The BRICK's Ashland Food Shelf is MOVING (again, temporarily)!" You might be wondering what exactly is going on. Renovations at The BRICK are really moving along! For the last two months, the Ashland pantry has been operating out of the Central Railyard Concession Building. The project didn't start as early as was hoped, and consequently won't be wrapped up as early either. We need to make way for the Ashland Little League, whose season starts in early May.

That brings us to our new tem-

porary location. The BRICK's Ashland Food Shelf will be operating out of the United Presbyterian & First Congregational Church's Youth Center in May and June. Pantry shoppers can still find the same wide variety of products – fresh produce, meats, grains, dairy, and packaged items – to choose from. The pantry is open during the same hours of operation: Monday – Wednesday, 9 AM – 3:30 PM, Thursday, 9 AM – 7 PM. Although there's technically no parking on site, our friends at Associated Bank are graciously granting use of several parking spots in the



Submitted photo. The UPCC paint crew volunteered their time to paint the new interior at the home site of The BRICK.

middle of their lot to program participants during pantry hours. Find the pantry at 214 Vaughn Avenue at the corner of 3rd Street West, Door #4 (southeast door near carport).

The congregation has really pulled together for The BRICK during the renovation. Not only have they opened their doors, but they also brought in an expert volunteer team to paint the new interior at the home site. This group of fun-loving perfectionists are a well-oiled machine – each person knows exactly what to do and they pull it off flawlessly. Their high-quality work really shows on every wall.


The BRICK's team is eager to get back into the home site and open our doors to the public on July 1. Guests will find a more welcoming space that puts the customer at the center. This includes two new restrooms, a waiting area with plenty of seating, a larger pantry with wider aisles, and an exit directly from the pantry to the parking lot. Volunteers and staff will also see some welcome changes that will increase safety and improve work flow with improvements like a new cloakroom and utility room.

Many thanks to the Ashland City

Council and Parks & Recreation Department for use of the Central Railyard Concession Building, and to the Ashland Little League, which lent their coolers to the pantry. The BRICK is grateful to Associated Bank for the parking spaces, and the members of the United Presbyterian & First Congregational Church for all their support. Thank you to Ritola, Inc., their crew, and subcontractors for their expertise and professionalism, not to mention flexibility while they work around ongoing food warehouse activities.

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Chequamegon Chapter staffs an informational table at fly fishing event

Article by Marty Swank





On Saturday April 6, 2024, the Chequamegon Chapter of the North Country Trail Association set up an informational table at the Flat Creek Lodge conference center in Hayward. Trout Unlimited invited the Chapter to set up the informational table at the Fly-Fishing Expo. Ellie Williams had this to say about the event: "Don Quick (Chapter Member/Trail Adopter) came to help work our table ...so we "snagged" him for a quick photo to op receiving his Chapter Honor Award for 2023. Rhiannon Harmon and Jackie Kruse had a good time meeting and greeting folks."



Photo by Ellie Williams. Don Quick (left) receives a third part of his NCTA Chapter Honor Award for 2023, a leather engraved photo frame presented by Kevin Schram, Chapter President.


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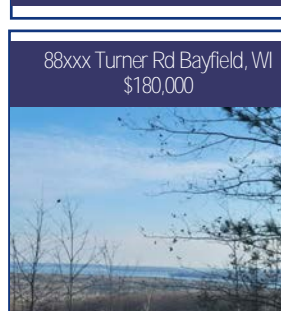

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Ashland Washburn High School Trap Team

Thankful for local businesses and their support

By Dana Wiezorek

The Ashland Washburn High School Trap Team, is extremely thankful for all of the donations from local businesses and organizations through out our area.

The team is not a school sponsored sport, so in order to keep shooting costs down for athletes, the team fundraisers is very fortunate to receive multiple donations through out the year.



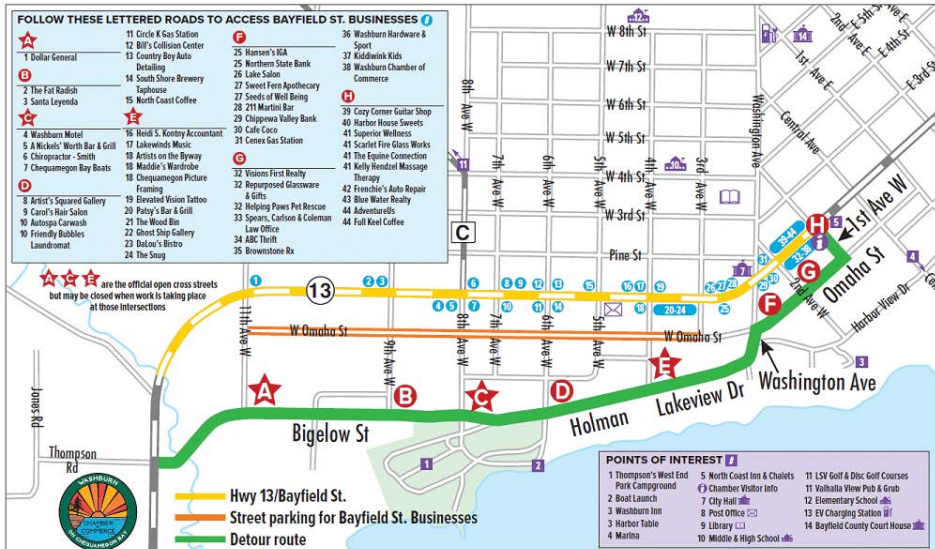
Photo by Dana Wiezorek. Trap Team members and coaches with Bob Lulich, of Lulich Implement after receiving a donation to the team. Pictured left to right Amber Wiezorek, Coach Ryan Wiezorek, Griffin St. Germain, Garret Mashlan, Royce Wiezorek, Bob Lulich, Dylan Mashlan, Reagan Mrnak, Nakota Jake, Olivia Mrnak, Abby Mrnak, and Head Coach Randy Mashlan.



Submitted photo. Jim King, owner of Mugs Bar in Ashland, donates the proceeds from a recent Meat Raffle to the team, presenting Head Coach Randy Mashlan with the check.

On June 8-9th, the entire team of 35 shooters will be participating at the Wisconsin State High School Clay Target League's State Tournament in Rome, WI. The donations help the team throughout their spring and fall seasons, along with the state tournament.

Thank you to all of the donors, and volunteers who have helped tremendously to make this all happen for the athletes.



Submitted graphic.

Washburn road construction update for May

Article by Melissa Martinez, Washburn Area Chamber Director

Are you heading to Washburn, Bayfield or up the South Shore on HWY 13 this summer? If so, you'll want to keep reading. Road construction for phase one of the Bayfield St. project in Washburn started in March and a detour route has been put in place. The detour will be open through November and all traffic should follow that route. We all know road construction is a pain but this detour is unique in that it takes you right along the lake shore and provides you with a beautiful view of the Chequamegon Bay.

There is signage on the route to help you navigate to the businesses on Bayfield St. and additional signage has been placed on the avenues to help direct you once you are off the detour and on the side streets. Be aware that not all cross streets are open to access the north side of the city and the businesses on that side of Bayfield St. You may need to park and walk to the next open cross street. Currently open cross streets include 11th - 8th Ave W, 6th Ave W and 2nd Ave W. All businesses are open during the construction.

The Chamber has put together a

map to guide you through the detour and to your favorite Washburn businesses. You can download a copy on our website at washburnchamber.com/road-construction. On that page you will also find weekly updates, fast facts and frequently asked questions. You can pick up physical copies of the map at the chamber office, local businesses, hotels and other chambers/visitor information centers.

Things are constantly changing so we update our website weekly and as new information becomes available. We also include an update in our newsletter that goes out each week on Thursday afternoon, and each month look for an update here in the paper.

Please remember to stop and check out our local businesses. They can really use your support while this project is underway.

If you have questions or need assistance, give the Washburn Chamber a call at 715-373-5017 and we will do our best to help you out.

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The Lions Roar

By
Karen Gran



Submitted photo. Lion President Larry Nelson presenting a check to Great Divide EMS. This donation represents the money that the Cable & Area Lions Club received in memory of Lions Tom and Esther Rondeau.

There's lots to report this month! First off, it's that time of the year again for the start of our Summer Cash Raffle sales! May 3rd was the kick off and we will be selling in front of Rondeaus Store every weekend up to July 1st or until they are sold out. There are only 400 tickets and they do sell out quickly at \$25/ticket. Our cash prize structure has changed, 1st prize is \$1000, 2nd & 3rd prizes \$500, 4th, 5th and 6th prizes \$250. The winning tickets will be drawn at 1pm on the 4th of July at the Picnic at the Park. The 4th of July and Summer Raffle are our biggest fundraisers of the year. There is a large list of projects that we support in our communities and we appreciate your help in our efforts!

The July 4th parade and picnic will be here before you know it. We will be at the Cable Town Park serving our Picnic lunch from Noon to 2 pm featuring; brats, burgers, German potato salad, beans, corn on the cob, chips, pie, ice cream, beer & soda. It's a great time to get together with old friends, new friends and family, without having to do all the cookout work yourself!

Summer Bingo will be back as well! Our first outing will be at the 4th of July under the big tent.

We will again have our games at Lakewood's Resort every Monday starting July 8th through August 19th at 7 pm, all cash prizes. Your last chance to join us for Bingo will be at the Cable Fall Fest on Saturday Sept. 28th.

We have purchased a new 30X60 tent, this one has sides with windows available. We will be retiring our oldest tent, it's time. So, we still have two 30X60 tents renting for \$1000 each, sides available for \$25/30ft section, delivery/setup/takedown included. Two 20X30 tents, \$300 delivery/setup/takedown included, \$200 if you do all the work. Tables are available for \$10/each and Chairs \$2/each. Delivery is free up to 25 miles, a \$2/mile charge will be added for over 25 miles. We already have quite a few tent rentals reserved, contact our Equipment Manager, Dave Bellis at 630-738-5858 or email: drbellis319@gmail.com to setup a rental.

We are bringing back the document shredding truck again this year, SHRED FEST! The truck will be in Cable during the Fall Fest (Sat. Sept 28th) so, start getting all your old documents and papers ready for the shredder. Regular sized paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but no big metal clips please. This is a great time for small business owners to get rid of your no longer needed documents that shouldn't go in regular trash too, it's not just for home individual paper shredding. This is a service provided by our Lions Club, but we will gladly accept donations to help cover the cost of bringing the shredding truck to town. If you have any questions, please contact us for more information at cablearealions@gmail.com.

Lions We Serve

Volunteer spring clean up day at Forest Lodge

Submitted article and photo

It's time for annual spring clean-up at Forest Lodge in Cable, Wisconsin. Do you love history? Be a part of maintaining some of the most cherished historic buildings in the area. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest team invites you to the annual spring clean-up day at Forest Lodge on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A tour of the Forest Lodge complex will be provided at 12 p.m.



History enthusiasts prepare Forest Lodge in Cable, Wisconsin for the busy summer season. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest team invites you to Forest Lodge, Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. to be a part of annual spring cleaning at the historic site.

"We are excited to invite volunteers to experience the historic site of Forest Lodge by joining us in preparing the grounds for summer use," said USDA Forest Service Assistant NEPA Planner Bridget Stroede. "We hope that you can be involved."

Volunteer activities will include, but are not limited to:

- Boathouse cleaning;
- Outdoor furniture set up; and
- General trail and yard cleanup.

Volunteers should bring a sack lunch; water and snacks will be provided. Wear layers of clothing; bring work gloves. Tools and supplies will be provided.

Forest Lodge is an 872-acre estate with more than one dozen

buildings. Most of the buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s, and they are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property was a life estate from 1999 to 2013, when it was conveyed to the U.S. Forest Service through the Trust for Public Land. The U.S. Forest Service has managed the site since 2013.

If you are interested in being part of spring clean-up, have any questions or would like additional information about volunteering at Forest Lodge, please contact Bridget Stroede at Bridget.Stroede@usda.gov or (715) 634-4821 x2327

More information about the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is available online: www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF; Facebook; and Twitter/X: @CNNF002.



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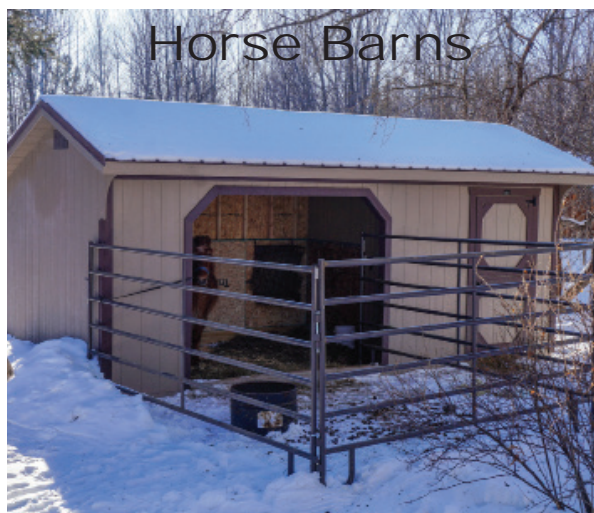
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