

# NORTHWOODS SPIRIT

The Big Portage Lake Riparian Owners Association donated \$500 to the Town of Land O' Lakes toward the purchase of the new Fire Truck. Board members of BPLROA, (L to R) Dale Reilley, Secretary-Treasurer Alice Muehlethaler, and President John Alt presented the check to Land O' Lakes Town Chairman Dan Balog.



Phelps School freshman, C.J. Crawford, sold cupcakes at this year's Scarecrow Fest and planned on donating her proceeds 50/50 to the Phelps Women's Club and Vilas County Humane Society. The Women's Club in turn donated their portion of the earnings to the Humane Society as well. Pictured at left is C.J. with Jennifer Primich, director of the Humane Society, accepting the gift.

# OF GIVING AND THANKS

Conserve School students volunteered their time and gardening skills for the Land O' Lakes Library fall clean up. Library volunteer gardener, Bob Beedie (pictured 3rd from left) made sure the project was a huge success. Helping Bob were Rachel Fisher, Leanna Jackan, Danielle Pederson, Alex Tutt, Jackie Zarzycki, Justin Gordon, Laura Bunn, Megan Larkin, and Zeki AbuLughod (from L to R).



## IN 'DA WOODS • Making the Grade *by Melanie B. Fullman, USFS*



Melanie Fullman worked for the US Forest Service, Ottawa National Forest, Bessemer, MI; and has also been stationed in Alaska, Idaho, and Washington State.

I've been blessed over the years to have known many excellent teachers. From expanding my scientific horizons to enforcing proper punctuation, many teachers have made a meaning-

ful difference in my life. My list of personal thank-you's would probably far exceed space in this column. So it is with humility that I am once again the beneficiary of their devotion to others.

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The Teacher Restoration Corps is a non-profit service organization established in 1996. According to their website, www.teacherrestorationcorps.org, the purpose of the corps is to "restore humankind's imprint on federal

lands." To that end, they have spent the last 16 summers working in National Parks and Forests in North Dakota, Colorado, Alaska, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Wisconsin.

The group is comprised of adult volunteers who bring varied skills and talents to the site where they are working. This past summer, the Bessemer Ranger District was delighted to host 20 of them for LONG overdue repairs on the

Black River Harbor (BRH) Pavilion and other buildings in the picnic area.

Across the country, their work typically ranges from modest repairs to complete restoration of dilapidated structures. Fortunately,

the needs at BRH fell mostly into the first category: replacing windows and screens on the Pavilion, patching woodpecker holes on several buildings, staining picnic tables, and fixing up the concession stand. One particular repair,

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## Annual Harvest Fest Dinner

The Outreach Committee at Ely Memorial United Church of Christ in Land O' Lakes is planning the annual Harvest Dinner at the church on Sunday, November 18, from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Heading the event are Barbara Agney (left) and Sandy Hall. The menu features a festive gourmet meal of Hungarian Venison Goulash, Spaetzle, Sauerkraut, Cranberry Sauce, Dinner Rolls, Beverages and Assorted Desserts. Carryouts will also be available. A favorite for hunters and children alike, this dinner will be enjoyed by the whole family.

Tickets for the event will be sold at the door; the cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under eight. For more information, call the church at (715) 547-3890.

## It's Scholastic Book Fair Time!!!

This year Land O' Lakes Elementary is hosting an In-School Book Fair and an Online Book Fair. Check out our school's homepage for details: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/landolakeselemschool>

Our In-School Fair will be held through November 16. We welcome everyone from the community to come! Hours are as follows:

- Monday** 11am - 7pm  
(teacher conferences - no school)
- Tuesday** 7:30am - 3:30pm
- Wednesday** 7:30am - 3:30pm
- Thursday** 7:30am - 7:00pm
- Friday** 7:30am - 3:30pm

The bookfair will be held in the PTA room in the school. Visitors please check in at the office.

Book fairs allow the PTA to earn credit with Scholastic, which we use to purchase books for the students, classrooms, and our school library. This is a great time to purchase a special book for someone special on your holiday list.



## Your Help is Needed

A co-chairman and other helpers are needed to help with the 17th annual Kids' Ice Fishing Jamboree. It is planned for Sunday, February 24, 2013 off the west shore of Lac Vieux Desert from 9-3. Please call Karen @ 715-547-3434.

The following is a list of some areas needing assistance to help make it another fun day for the kids:

- order, haul, prepare, & serve food
- solicit &/or buy prizes
- phone calls & distribute posters, advertising
- assemble prize shelters & bucket give-a-ways
- haul prizes to the lake
- help set up/take down main shelter area
- supply/loan 2-3 generators and extension cords
- check in participants
- announce and hand out prizes
- measure and post fish sizes
- power auger and drill holes
- have fun and teach the kids
- donate firewood/keep warming fires going

## Women's Club Meeting

The Phelps Women's Club will be meeting on Monday, November 19th at Hazen Inn at 1 pm. Janet McClure and Judi Pepler are the hostesses. Guest speaker will Jackie Fruth showing low impact exercises. All women are asked to bring two 10 ¾ oz cans of soup for exercising. Afterwards the cans will be donated to the food pantry. Guests are welcome to join us. For information call Sharon Gifford at 715-545-4008.



## Packers Party

T&M Lanes in Land O' Lakes will host a tailgate party Sunday November 18th. Packers versus the Detroit Lions. Food, Beverages, Door prizes, Raffles and Grand prizes of a 2011 Packers team autographed football, a Ron Dayne autographed Wisconsin game ball, 2 night stay at Lac Vieux Desert with a gaming package, a Relay for Life hand crafted bird feeder. All the fun starts @ 11:00 am, let's cheer the Packers on for another win and support a great cause! All proceeds will benefit the Relay for Life.

**ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER**

**Ely Memorial Church**

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**Saturday, November 18th**

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# BORDER HAPPENINGS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS •••

### 2012 Gun Hunting Season:

Wisconsin: Nov 17-25  
Michigan: Nov 15-30

**Thanksgiving:** Nov 22

**Thanksgiving Break:** Northland Pines, Nov 21-23, no school.

## CONOVER •••

**AWANA's meetings:** every Wed (Sept-Apr), 6-7:30pm. More info call Ann Smits 715-479-7742.

### Youth Group Faith Unlimited:

Conover Evangelical Free Church, every Wed, 6:30-8pm.

### Conover Transfer Station:

Sat, Sun, & Wed 9am-3pm. Closed Tues & Thurs.

### Conover Post Office Window:

Mon-Fri 9am-12:30 & 1:15-4pm; Sat 9-11am.

## LAND O' LAKES •••

**Scholastic Book Fair:** LOL School, through Nov 16.

**Relay For Life Tailgate Party:** T&M Lanes, Nov 18, 11am.

**Harvest Dinner:** Ely Church, Nov 18, 5-7pm.

**Christmas Movie-Arthur Christmas:** LOL Library, Nov 23, 11am.

**Santa Comes to Town:** Downtown LOL, Nov 23, 1-3pm.

**Breakfast with Santa:** Gateway Lodge, Nov 24, 8-11am.

**Christmas Craft Sale:** Elementary School, Nov 24, 10am-3pm.

**Creches & Carols:** Hope Lutheran Church, coming in December, watch for more details in next issue.

**Snowmobile Safety Course:** LOL Town Hall, Dec 27 & 28, 9am-4pm.

**LOLA ART CENTER PROGRAMS:** Poetry Program-Emily K. Bright-

Nov 15, 4:30-5:30pm.

**Watercolor Wednesdays:** every Wed starting Oct 17, 10am-3pm. Contact Wendy 715-493-5361 or 715-547-3950 for more info.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

**Kids Program:** every Wed, 10am.  
**Computer Training:** Thurs, 1pm.  
**One-on-One Computer Train:** Fri.  
**Hours:** M, T, TH, F 10am-4pm; W 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm. Closed Nov 22 for Thanksgiving.

**A.A.:** LOL Town Hall, Sun, 2pm.

**Yoga Classes:** Town Hall, weekly: Mon 5:30-6:45pm (All levels); Tue 8:30-9:45am (Begin/Foundation); Thur 8:30-10am (Inter/Continue). 715-547-3480.

### LOL VFW Post 8400:

VFW Hall, last Tue, 7pm.

### Headwaters Food Pantry:

**Meeting:** Olympic 76 St, 3rd Tue in Mar, Jun, Sept & Dec, 12:30pm.  
**Food Pantry Pick-up:** Olympic 76 St, 1st & 3rd Wed, 8:30-11:30am.

**Drop Stitch Group:** knit & crochet group, LOL Library, Wed, 1-3pm.

**Frosty Snowmobile Club:** LOL Town Hall, 1st Wed, 6pm. Oct-Apr.

**Headwaters Ecumenical Lunch Program:** Ely Church, 1st & 3rd Wed, 10:30am-12:30pm.

**LOL Planning & Beautification Meeting:** LOL Town Hall, 2nd Wed, 8:30am. Public welcome.

**Wilderness Lakes Trails:** LOL Chamber building, 4th Wed, 5pm. Public welcome.

**VFW Post 8400 Ladies Auxillary:** LOL VFW Hall, last Wed, 2pm.

**New-U Club:** Watch your weight with friends. Hope Lutheran, Thu, 8:45-10am. More info 906-544-2554.

**Airport Commission:** Land O' Lakes Airport, 2nd Thu, 5:30pm. landolakesairport@hotmail.com

**Veterans Helping Veterans Outreach Group:** LOL Bible Church, 2nd Thurs, 6pm.

**LOL Chamber Meeting:** 3rd Thu, 7:30am. Public welcome.

**Over-the-Hill Bowling:** T&M Lanes, every Fri, 1 pm, Oct 12- April 12.

**LOL Transfer Station:** Tue 8-3; Thurs 12-6; Sat 8-4.

**LOL Post Office Window:** Mon-Fri 9:30am-1pm & 2-4pm; Sat 9:30-11am.

## PHELPS •••

**Hunter's Supper:** Phelps Congregational Church, Nov 17, 5-7pm.

**Women's Club Meeting:** Hazen Inn, Nov 19, 1pm. Bring 10oz can for exercise demo.

**Phelps Budget Hearing and Electors Meeting:** Phelps School, Nov 20, 7pm.

**Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree:** Nov 30, 6:30-8:30pm.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

**Phelps Library Story Hour:** 2nd Fri every month, 12:15pm.

**Hours:** M, T, TH, F 10am-4pm; W 2pm-6pm; Sat: 10am - noon. Check us out at [www.phelps.wislib.org](http://www.phelps.wislib.org) or call 715-545-2887.

**Phelps Town Board Meeting:** 2nd Mon, 7pm.

**Phelps Women's Club Meeting:** 3rd Mon, Phelps Fire Barn, 1pm. Call Sharon Gifford for more info 715-545-4008.

**Phelps Senior Center Meeting:** last Mon, 1pm. Call (715) 545-3983 for lunch res. 24 hours prior to mtg.

**Phelps Lions Club:** 3rd Thu, 6pm. Call Dick Martin at 715-891-2296.

**Phelps Historical Museum:** Hwy 17 Dwn tw n. Until spring open by app't only. Call Pauleyn Nystrom 545-3012 or Jan Petrick 545-2545.

**Phelps Transfer Station:** Sat 9am-2pm.

**Phelps Post Office Window:** Mon-Fri 8:30am-12:45 & 2-4pm; Sat 9-11am.

## WATERSMEET •••

**Watersmeet Township Board of Education Meeting:** 3rd Mon, 6:30pm, unless otherwise noted.

**Northwoods Quilters:** Watersmeet Bible Church, Tue, 10am-9pm.

**Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (ISCCW):** Ranger District Headquarters in Watersmeet, 3rd Tues, 9am.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:** Spiritual Center on Transfer Station Rd., Tues 7pm (Open Topic) and Fri 2pm (Closed Step).

**Weight Watchers Mtg:** School, Consumer Ed. Rm, every Wed, weigh-in 4:30pm, meeting 5pm.

**Watersmeet Dump:** Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat - 8am-4pm.

**Watersmeet Post Office Window:** Mon-Fri 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-4pm; Sat 9:15-10:45am.

## BEYOND THE BORDER •••

**BOULDER JUNCTION •**  
**19th Annual Christmas Craft Fair:** Community Ctr, Nov 23, 9am-3pm.

**24th Annual Christmas Walk:** Downtown BJ, Nov 23, 5-8pm.

**Christmas Kids' Day:** Community Center, Nov 24, 10:30am-1:30pm.

## EAGLE RIVER •

**Mindfulness Meditation:** every

Wed, 7-8:30 pm. Walking meditation, every Mon, 9-10 am. Upstairs in back of Peace Center, ER. All levels of experience welcome.

**Holiday Bazaar & Christmas Cookie Sale:** Kalmar Center, Nov 16-18, 8am-6pm.

**Christmas Kickoff Walk with Santa & Ice Shanty Parade:** Downtown ER, Nov 24, 1pm.

**Bret & Frisk Christmas Concert:** NPHS, Dec 7, 7pm.

**Vilas Cty Master Gardener's Mtg:** Prince of Peace Church, 2nd Thurs, 7pm. Public invited, has a speaker.

## MINOCQUA •

**Christmas in Minocqua:** Downtown, Nov 24, 12-5pm.

## ST. GERMAIN •

**18th Annual Town Tree Lighting:** Chamber, Nov 24, 6:30-8:30pm.

**Snowmobile Safety Class:** Community Ctr, Nov 27-28, 9am-3pm.

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# Christmas Walk



*Friday, November 23rd*


|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 9:00 am-3:00 pm | Lioness Luncheon/Craft Fair                     |
| 4:00-9:00 pm    | Sleigh Rides                                    |
| 4:00-8:00 pm    | Christmas Karaoke by the Wolfman                |
| 5:00 pm         | Town Lighting                                   |
| 5:00 pm         | Friends of the Library Cookie Walk              |
| 4:00-8:00 pm    | Shopping Late, Serving Treats                   |
| 6:15 pm         | Arrival of Santa & Mrs. Claus                   |
| 6:30 pm         | Pictures with Santa at Boulder Bear Motor Lodge |

*Saturday, November 24th*

(All activities at the Boulder Junction Community Center)

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10:30 am-1:30 pm | Children's Activity Stations        |
| 10:30 am-1:30 pm | Kid's Shopping House (Ages 4 to 10) |
| 11:00 am-1:00 pm | Lunch with Santa & Mrs. Claus       |

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# HEALTH & WELLNESS • Tips for a Healthy Winter *by Dr. Ida Allen Bergman, DC*



Here we go again with cold and flu season. The other day someone asked me what I do to keep my family healthy through the winter. Here are some of our favorite tips:

1. Gargle daily with sea salt water (we mix about 1/4 tsp in a cup of water). Because most bacteria, viruses, and fungi enter the body through the mucosal passages of the nose and throat, this is one way to quickly dislodge them and stop them from proliferating and entering your body.

2. Blow your nose every morning. Another very simple way to ensure those little bugs are being expelled and not making a home in your mucosal lining.

3. Drink hot lemon water. Make tea water on the stove (no microwave!) and squeeze at least 1/4 of

a fresh lemon into a cup of hot water. This is a natural, gentle, and easy way to clean out the inside of your body and to keep your body at a level pH for a heightened immune system.

4. Chew your food! This is a huge one. Digestive problems are epidemic in our country and SO MUCH of it stems from not chewing your food properly. Digestion starts in the mouth and when you don't take the time to chew, large protein molecules enter the digestive tract and blood stream. The body then has to mount an all out immune system attack to try to eliminate those huge molecules in the blood. When your immune system is working so hard on breaking down the non-chewed particles, it doesn't have any energy left to fight off impending invaders. The average person chews one bite 8 times. It should be around 30 times. So start to practice slowing yourself down while you're eating chewing more

thoroughly.

5. The 3 minute house flush. Did you know that your home air in the winter is toxic? It's actually extremely toxic due to cooking remnants, heat, gas, cleaning products, and just all the carbon dioxide we expel. We lock everything up so tight to keep the cold out, but we end up keeping the 'sick' in. Plants are great natural air detoxifiers but during the winter it is also beneficial to open a window on each end of your house for 3 minutes and let all the nasty air out while allowing the clean air in. If you do this daily, you will notice the difference immediately. You'll even find your energy level stays nice and high when you come home at night!

6. Get a Chiropractic adjustment. Research is clear that removing nervous system interference by way of a proper adjustment increases immune system function by around 200%! Keep your immune system on

track by having an adjustment at least once per month and if you start to feel sick, make an extra appointment.

The other side to consider is that even though feeling sick isn't fun and can even end up in lost work and/or school time, if you get a cold or a flu once every 1-2 years, it is actually healthy for your body. In my opinion, it is the equivalent of restarting your computer. When your computer starts to act slow and gets cluttered up with too much junk, maybe it locks up and won't do anything at all...just restart it! Usually it starts up fresh with a new outlook on life, right? That is the same with our bodies. Sometimes we just need a little reboot. Instead of fighting a cold, give your body a chance to refresh itself. Relax, get caught up on a novel you've been wanting to read and get some extra sleep. Do not cover up your

symptoms with over the counter medications and push yourself through it. You'll notice that only makes it last longer and you end up getting sick AGAIN soon after. Of course you should consult your health care provider if you feel there is something more going on than just a typical cold or flu, or if you're getting sick more often than 1-2 times per year. If this is the case, chances are you have a chronically lowered immune system and may need some immune support by way of probiotics (good bacteria) and/or a specific vitamin or mineral to boost you back up.

So, use these tips to keep your family healthy this year, but if you do get sick, just allow yourself a needed break. For more information on these and other natural health techniques, visit us at [www.EducatingWellness.com](http://www.EducatingWellness.com).

## Snowmobile Safety Education Class in Land O' Lakes

The FROSTY SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC. of Land O' Lakes will conduct its 13th annual Snowmobile Safety Class December 27th & 28th. Classes will be taught by Mike Keintz, DNR Certified Snowmobile Safety Instructor and assisted by several Club Members.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WDNR CUSTOMER ID NUMBER, WHICH MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING WDNR CUSTOMER SERVICE, 7 AM TO 10 PM, AT 1-888-936-7463. Students must be at least 12 years old, and will receive their Safety Certificate from the WDNR by mail, after successfully completing the course. There is no maximum age; parents and adults are encouraged to enroll and participate as well.

Advance reservations are required, as space is limited. STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS MUST CONTACT THE INSTRUCTOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE COURSE TO REQUEST SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The course fee is \$10. A parent or guardian must attend the class registration: 8:00-9:00am. Thursday, the 27th, to sign enrollment forms for all minors. Additionally, a parent or guardian must be available to pick up each minor student no later than 4pm. each day.

**Date:** December 27 & 28, 2012  
**Time:** 9am-4pm, both days  
**Location:** LOL Town Hall, 4331 Cty. Rd. B  
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## Invitation to Hunters Supper

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**Serving:** 5:00 till 7:00pm.

**Location:** Highway 17 Phelps

**Suggested donations:** Adults \$10:00; Children \$ 5:00  
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from Karol Grasse, Officer in Charge - Phelps Post Office

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ters addressed to Santa more than 100 years ago, it was in 1912 that Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock authorized local postmasters to allow postal employees and citizens to respond to the letters. This program became known as Operation Santa. Today, hundreds of thousands of elves across the country are helping Santa make his rounds!

Christmas is right around the

corner and the U.S. Postal service has issued two new Christmas Stamps for mailing out your Christmas cards and letters this year. The Santa and Sleigh Forever stamp and the Holy Family Forever stamp. Also available are the 2011 Holiday Bauble Forever stamps and the Madonna of the Candelabra by Raphael. All Christmas stamps are sold in booklets of 20 First-Class Forever stamps for \$9.00 and are now available at your local Post Office.

To ensure delivery of your

holiday cards and packages by December 25 to Military and International addresses, the Postal Service suggests that cards and

packages be mailed by the recommended mailing dates below. You can find all your shipping and mailing needs at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).



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| APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092   | Dec 17  | Dec 10                          | Dec 10         | Dec 3                       | Nov 26                       | Nov 13                  |
| APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093        | N/A   | Dec 3                           | Dec 3          | Nov 30                      | Nov 26                       | Nov 13                  |
| APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-098   | Dec 17  | Dec 10                          | Dec 10         | Dec 3                       | Nov 26                       | Nov 13                  |
| APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIPs 340       | Dec 17  | Dec 10                          | Dec 10         | Dec 3                       | Nov 26                       | Nov 13                  |
| APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966   | Dec 17  | Dec 10                          | Dec 10         | Dec 3                       | Nov 26                       | Nov 13                  |

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| Africa                          | Dec 20  | Dec 10   | Dec 2   | Dec 2                           |
| Asia/Pacific Rim                | Dec 19  | Dec 15   | Dec 9   | Dec 9                           |
| Australia/New Zealand           | Dec 19  | Dec 15   | Dec 9   | Dec 9                           |
| Canada                          | Dec 21  | Dec 16   | Dec 12  | Dec 9                           |
| Caribbean                       | Dec 20  | Dec 15   | Dec 12  | Dec 9                           |
| Central & South America         | Dec 20  | Dec 10   | Dec 2   | Dec 2                           |
| Mexico                          | Dec 21  | Dec 15   | Dec 9   | Dec 9                           |
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## Christmas Walk & Kid's Day

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Friday begins with the Lioness Craft Fair and Luncheon from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Boulder Junction Community Center. Later that afternoon be sure to take a sleigh ride, they will begin at 4:00pm with pick-up on Hwy. M North. The Wolfman will have Christmas Carol Karaoke on Main Street from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. At 5:00pm join us for lighting of the town tree and storefronts. Enjoy an evening of shopping in beautiful Boulder Junction on a magical evening in the Northwoods; there are treats for everyone in the stores from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Take home your first Christmas goodies from the Friends of the Library Cookie Walk, located at Acorn Lodge. Santa and Mrs. Claus will ride down Main Street at 6:15pm and arrive around 6:30pm for visits and pictures at Boulder Bear Motor Lodge on Hwy M. South.

Bring the kids back on Saturday to the Boulder Junction Community Center to enjoy a day all their own, Christmas Kid's Day! The format has changed from past years. From 10:30am to 1:30pm will be the Kid's Shopping House. All children 4 to 10 years of age can purchase Christmas presents for their loved ones and all gifts are \$5 or less. Our Christmas elves will be on hand to help the kids pick out and wrap their gifts, as no parents are allowed in the "shopping house". A sign-up sheet for shopping will begin at 10:30am. While waiting to shop, various activity stations will be available. Craft a Christmas ornament, make your own Christmas cards, dessert making station and Ho Ho Ho Bingo; all from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Mrs. Claus will read a story at 10:30am, 11:30am and 12:30pm. And of course Santa will make an appearance, from 11am to 1pm, while lunch is being served.

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## Santa Weekend is Right Around the Corner

Land O' Lakes will be geared up for a great holiday season beginning with Thanksgiving weekend and the annual visit by Santa. The "Santa Comes to Town Celebration" is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 23th & Saturday, Nov. 24th.

On Friday, join the elves at the Library at 11:00 a.m. for a Christmas program movie. They will be showing "Arthur Christmas" which reveals the incredible, never-before-seen answer to every child's question: 'So how does Santa deliver all those presents in one night?' The answer: Santa's exhilarating, ultra-high-tech operation hidden beneath the North Pole. But at the center of the film is a story about a family in a state of comic dysfunction and an unlikely hero, Arthur, with an urgent mission that must be completed before Christmas morning dawns. Pop-



corn and beverages will be provided. Pre-movie cartoons will begin at 10:45 a.m. Fun and laughter for the whole family!

Be sure to get to the Land O' Lakes airport before 1 p.m. to greet Santa Claus as he arrives at the terminal building where a horse drawn wagon ride will be waiting to take Santa and everyone else to the town Christmas tree in the "Santa Village", located on Highway B across from the library. There will be cookies, hot chocolate, visits with Santa

Claus, Christmas caroling, and horse drawn wagon rides throughout the afternoon. Santa's elves will even have gift bags for the children.

On Saturday, the 24th, Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Gateway Lodge Restaurant beginning at 8 a.m. and finishing at 11 a.m. Reservations for the breakfast are helpful but not necessary. If you wish to reserve, please call the Gateway Lodge at 547-3321. Bring your camera along to take pictures of this very special time in your child's life. There will be a gift for every child.

The Annual Christmas Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, at the Land O' Lakes Elementary School at 6485 Town Hall Road

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be more than 30 vendors for your shopping pleasure. Bring a non-perishable food item for the Headwaters Food Pantry if you wish. Start or finish your Christmas shopping in Land O' Lakes

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see article on this page

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In the spring the chapters advertise the Youth Muskie Hunt throughout their communities. Interested students, ages 10-18, fill out and submit an application. The application includes such questions as 'what is your most memorable experience in the outdoors;' 'why do you think you would like to take part' and 'how would you share your experience with someone else.' Each youth chosen is required to bring along

a parent or adult guardian. That parent will get to witness and experience the joy of fishing as well as a weekend of bonding with their child. The child and adult are also required to attend two 3 hour training classes prior to the hunt.

Local guide Mark Curtis gave a seminar to the eager fishermen on Thursday evening and then they hit the water Friday morning. A fat 43 inch was the biggest fish of the weekend for the youngsters.



Dan Koniewicz (left) and Jack Naughton with the largest catch of the weekend.

## OUTSIDE • Fishing Report

by Colin Crawford

**MUSKIES:** With the water dropping below 40°, large suckers or saugages, as I like to call them, and very slow moving crankbaits should be what is in your arsenal from now until ice up or the 30th of the month which is the end of Muskie season here in the Wisconsin northern zone and Wisconsin/Michigan border lakes. (Just be reminded that the state regs for WI are a 40" minimum.)

**WALLEYES:** You can catch Walleyes a couple of ways at this time. Jigging outside deep weed edges is a good place to start then work deeper until you hook up on some deep water eyes. You can also cast stick baits while wading the shore line in the evening.

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## From the PASTOR'S WINDOW *by Pastor Skip Pullen*



Skip Pullen is a pastor with Village Missions, serving two churches in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan—the Watersmeet and Bruce Crossing Bible Churches.

As I write this, hunting season is just around the corner. Though I really got into hunting much later in life than many hunters, I have come to enjoy its many facets. See hunting isn't about just shooting a deer. It is something much more than the hunt. It's about enjoying the outdoors, processing the game, and deer camp itself. As I have attempted these over the years, I find I enjoy them as much as the actual hunt. Preparing for the season is almost like a big holiday. Being with and talking to other hunters about the coming season can get you into the hunting mode. Learning new ways to prepare game for the table just keeps the enjoyment going throughout the year. I know if I just looked at deer season as going into the woods day after day and trying to shoot a deer, it might lose its luster and be boring. This is why I try to get into all I have just shared.

A similar thing can happen in our Christian lives. We reduce our faith into a few repeated rituals. They soon lose their meaning and the reason why we do them. We can become

bored with it. We fail to see Christianity as a lifestyle and not just an event in which we participate. We miss the fact that we are called to be part of a community or a body of believers. This body is not just some ambiguous thing that no one can see. It is an actual vital gathering of God's people. When things don't seem important or vital, it is easy to drift away from them. Many Christians are out there trying to live the Christian life all alone. When the trials, hardships, and even persecutions come, they stumble and fall and don't get up. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.* Being with God's people encourages us and stirs us to love God and our fellow man. In Ecclesiastes 4:9&10 says, *Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up.*

I am sure that there are "hunters" out there that shoot a gun once or twice a year and head for the woods believing they will be successful. Similarly, there are Christians who think going to church on occasion and reading the Bible from time to time

will make them successful in their Christian walk. Sadly, when the tests come, they fail. Again in Ecclesiastes we read, *If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success. (Eccl 10:10).* Likewise, we are just making it harder for ourselves by neglecting to gather with other believers and being in God's Word on a regular basis.

Just as a hunter needs to hone his or her skill in order to be successful in the hunting season, so does a Christian need to discipline him or herself in church attendance and personal time in God's Word. In church attendance we can be encouraged and built up in our faith, and we are in a place to be held accountable, too. In personal times of Bible study we are equipped to be a *worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15).* You must carve out time to do these. Just as deer season is more than just the hunt, so is Christian faith more than the ritual. Are you making church attendance and a personal quiet time with the Lord a priority? You must do this, or you will become dull in your Christian life. Sharpen these skills and you will be on your way to having a growing relationship with God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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# NATURE NOTES • The Red Oak *by Peter Dring*



Peter Dring is a naturalist, photographer, and was Director of the world renowned Little Red School-house Nature Center for nearly four decades.

The oak has long been a symbol of rugged strength and nobility. Of all our hardwood trees, the oaks are unsurpassed in grandeur, size, length of life, numbers and commercial value. There are more than 80 kinds in the United States, including the evergreen live oaks, and probably 20 of them are found in Wisconsin, but some are hard to identify and tell one from the other. Moreover, the same common name may be used for two different kinds, depending upon the locality. Only one is common here in the Northwoods.

There are two general classes, the White Oak group, and the Red Oak or Black Oak group. In the first, the ends of the leaves and their lobes are rounded without any spines or bristles at the tips. Their acorns, which are relatively sweet and edible, mature and fall off the same year they are formed, so that there are none on the branches in winter. In the Red Oak or Black Oak group, the leaves and their lobes, if any, have bristly hairs or spines at the tips. The acorns, which are bitter with tannin, do not mature and fall off until the second year, so that small ones may be seen on the branches in winter.

Unfortunately for us ordinary folks, there is commonly a considerable variation in the size and shape of the leaves on any given kind of oak, especially on young seedlings, on sprouts from stumps, and also on vigorous new shoots on older trees. Fur-

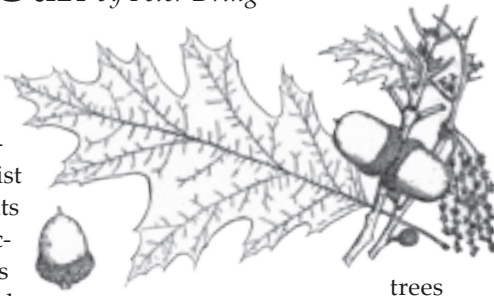
thermore, some oaks cross-pollinate and the leaves of such hybrids can be a puzzle. The expert forester or botanist may identify an oak by its leaves and other characteristics but he depends chiefly upon the size and shape of its acorns, and the size, shape, and texture of the shell or cup that holds the acorn.

In the Red Oak group are the species commonly and best known as northern red, southern red, pin, scarlet, black, Rill's black, scrub, blackjack, willow, shingle and laurel. They and their relatives make up more than half of the total stand of oaks in the United States and are all usually marketed as "red oak".

The Northern Red Oaks are the most important, fastest growing, and attain the greatest size. They extend from Nova Scotia to central Minnesota and south to Arkansas, northern Louisiana, Tennessee and northern Georgia. In the Northwoods we have only one variety, the Red. Ordinarily, the older trees are from two to four feet in diameter and 70 to 90 feet in height, but in the Ohio valley and the Appalachian regions some have become 150 feet tall and six feet in diameter.

Red Oak lumber, although not equal to white oak, is extensively used for the same purposes: such as general construction, flooring, interior finish, and furniture. It is not durable in the soil, however, and red oak posts or railroad ties should be pressure-treated with a preservative.

The leaves, smooth dark green above and paler below, have from five to eleven bristle-tipped lobes. In autumn they turn deep red or orange, then brown, and on some



trees may hang on until mid-winter. The acorn is usually an inch or more in length and is held in a shallow saucer-like cup which is covered with closely fitting scales. These acorns are very nutritious. They are important food for squirrels, foxes, deer and many other kinds of wildlife. Hogs, in wooded pastures, gobble them greedily and grow fat. The Potawatomi and other Indians, who knew how to remove the tannin, ground them into meal for food.

This year, 2012, has been a banner year for Red Oak acorns, one of the tree seeds that are called mast.

The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun.

A few old sayings and poems I remember from the field trips I have led for school kids:

- Oak trees come out of acorns, no matter how unlikely that may seem.
- An acorn is just a tree's way of getting back into the ground. For another try.
- Even the mighty oak starts out as a little nut.
- Did you hear about the little acorn in the math class??? It said geometry.

# The Many Moods of Presque Isle

Ed Brodsky, Presque Isle photographer will be exhibiting his work during the month of November at the Presque Isle Library. His work features the many moods of Presque Isle and shows the care and time he invests to get the perfect composition. His wildlife images show animals at ease in their daily routines. Ed will take you places you haven't seen in Presque Isle and introduce you to flora and fauna you haven't met yet.

Ed has this to say about his introduction to Presque Isle and his new venture into nature photography: "My wife, LaVergne and I first came up North for the outdoor recreational activities but we soon fell in love with the Northwoods for its beauty. We have learned that each season and each animal has its own unique personality and moods. We try to capture and convey that in our images. My wife and I first came to this part of the north woods in the early '90s. We bought a place on our third trip up here being drawn by the beauty and relaxing atmosphere. On our first winter vacation in our new house, we saw an Albino doe. We did not know they existed. I did some reading on them and grabbed a camera and set out looking for them. I was hooked. I had graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in art and worked as a craftsman creating jewelry and making knives in southern Illinois. I had been looking for other creative outlets and photography here was a natural. My wife and I retired from teaching, High School Special Education, and moved up here in 1996. My photographic mission has become documenting all the different moods of the Northwoods, which are many. From the weather to the flora and flora, everyday is unique. And I am continuing to see things I have never seen before. If I can bring some emotion to the viewer then I feel I have succeeded."

You can see the exhibit at the Presque Isle Library M/W/F from 10 to 4; T/T 4 to 9; and Saturdays from 10 to noon. For more information, call the library at 715 686 7613. If you would like to see more of Ed's work check out his website: edlavphoto.com.

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## Proposed Phelps Chamber of Commerce Building

The Phelps Chamber of Commerce called an informational meeting held October 10th to explain their plan to relocate a 21' x 30' building that was constructed in 1940 by a summer resident of Phelps. That resident built a small stone building on his property to serve as a private library, retreat and fishing observation spot. The 21' x 30' one-room house, made of large granite stones and entirely wood-paneled inside, has stood in the woods undisturbed for over 70 years.

Recently, the descendants of the original property owner have offered to donate this spectacular building to the Phelps Chamber of Commerce to use as its office. In turn, the Chamber is seeking approval to physically move the structure into downtown Phelps on the lot where the Sportsman's Spot once stood. The Chamber is also pursuing grants to pay for relocating the building, constructing a basement, repairing the roof, etc. They are not asking



Rendering of the 1940s cottage as proposed for the corner site on Hwy. 17 downtown.

for any money from the town to fund the project or to maintain the building and the property.

What the Chamber is requesting is a long-term lease of the property by the town and an agreement to let this charming building adorn the town. The town of Phelps currently owns the lot. Therefore, the town's electors must approve any modification of the property or agreement to lease the property.

One of the reasons to use the downtown lot is to beautify the downtown area. We have received a lot of positive feedback

on the opportunity for the new building. With the town's commitment to Discover Wisconsin, it would be nice to have a beautiful new welcome center for the tourist draw that program will create. We know it will take a lot for what is being proposed to come together, but it starts with the community allowing us the use of the town owned property. On this subject the town vote will be at the annual budget meeting on November 20th at 7pm. All members are encouraged to come and help move our town forward.

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however, wasn't so appreciated - a TRC volunteer was just starting to repair a hole in the side of the Pavilion, using a claw hammer to pull off some rotten boards...when a small furry arm reached out in protest. Turns out, the resident wood chuck was opposed to "restoration". He liked it just the way it was!

The project at BRH was just the first of two Teacher Restoration Corps events this summer. Another group of TRC members spent a week at Fort Wilkins National Historic Park, in Copper Harbor. In our case, we were contacted by the group - "did we have any work they could do?" We could hardly say 'YES' fast enough!!

An 'A' grade for this effort doesn't end with TRC volunteers (who often donate money as well as labor). The local chapter of the North Country Trail Association lent the group hardhats and tools. The City of Ironwood graciously invited participants to camp all week for free at Curry Park. While most tent camped, and thus not occupying the more popular RV sites, all of them were eager to take full advantage of the hot showers! Given the amount of sweat equity they poured into their work, I'm guessing we're all grateful for that!

### Lesson Learned

The Teacher Restoration Corps that worked here hails mostly from Wisconsin, which means



many of them won't even get to enjoy the fruits of their labor. They are, however, constantly recruiting new volunteers. You don't actually have to be a teacher, although many are. For some, it's a way to see different parts of the country, enjoy exercise and fresh air, meet interesting people, and teach the world about service to others.

Prospective participants can take a look at past work projects and find an application on the TRC website listed above. The cost to volunteer for a one week project is usually around \$100 plus personal travel expenses; this fee includes group meals which are prepared each night by the members themselves.

Although I had not previously heard of the Teacher Restoration Corps, it was easy to become a fan. They are a huge asset to both the US Forest Service and National Park Service; I'm already looking forward to working with them again. Perhaps you will have time to stop by Black River Harbor and enjoy the fruits of their labor. Please feel free to send me your thoughts ([mfullman@fs.fed.us](mailto:mfullman@fs.fed.us)), which I will pass onto them in the form of a community Thank You card.

*As always, I hope to see YOU in the woods too!*

*\*While everyone's favorite In 'Da Woods girl is no longer in our neck of the woods, her entertaining articles will be for as long as possible. Melanie was always putting into words her experiences during her tenure here. We hope you continue enjoying the adventures she had.*

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