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ANNOUNCEMENTS . . .

Next BB Issue: Jan 27. Deadline for Advertising & Stories: Jan 15.

f On Facebook: Post your New Year's resolution or check out what others have pledged on our Facebook page. Become a fan of the Border Bulletin for events and information between issues.

15th Annual Kids Ice Fishing Jamboree: on Lac Vieux Desert, Sun, Feb 27, 9am-3pm. Call Karen for more info 715-547-3434.

CONOVER . . .

Conover Lions Club Blood Drive: Conover Community Center, Jan 25, 1-7pm.

Sno-Buddies Benefit Chili Cook-off: Grapes Twin Haven-Conover, Jan 29, 3-7pm.

Conover Lions Club Winter Frolic: Conover Town Park, Feb 13, 11:30am-3:30pm.

Conover Transfer Station: Wed, Sat, and Sun, 9am-3pm.

LAND O' LAKES . . .

LOLA CLASSES:

Beginning Line Dancing: LOLA Arts Center, Tue & Thu mornings in Jan, 9:30-11am. \$5 each class.

Watercolor Wednesday: LOLA Art Center; 3 Wednesdays-Jan 19 & 26; 10am-noon. \$10 each class.

Open Painting: LOLA Arts Center, 3 Wednesdays-Jan 19 & 26; 1-4pm. Free & open to the public.

Beginning Wood Carving: LOLA Art Center; 3 Thursdays-Jan 13, 20,

& 27; 1-3pm. All 3 classes for \$10.

Basket Weaving-Beginner #2: LOLA Art Center, Jan 15, 10am-1pm. \$20 fee.

For further information: go to lolaartswi.com or call Wendy at 715-493-5361 to register.

Movie-Inception: LOL Library, Jan 14, 1pm. Movie, coffee, popcorn - all free.

LOL Chamber Annual Meeting: Gateway Lodge Restaurant, Jan 20, social-5:30pm, meeting & election-6pm, dinner to follow.

Celebration luncheon for Christian Unity: Ely Memorial Church, Jan 25 at noon.

Northern Lites D.U. Sponsor Banquet: Loose Moose, Jan 29, starting 6pm. Call Roger for more info 715-477-0842.

3 Bear Sled Dog Races: Town Hall, Sat-Feb 5 at 10am & Sun-Feb 6 at 9am. Children's Mutt Race 1pm.

Winter Festival, Craft Sale & Flea Market: LOL Elementary School, Feb 5, 10am-3pm.

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner: Gateway Lodge Restaurant, Feb 5, 4-6:30pm.

Mushers Ball: Gateway Lodge & Restaurant, Feb 5, 6-9pm. Music by Chilly Billies.

7th Annual Frosty Club Radar Run & Chili Feed: Bent's Camp, Feb 19. Races start 11am, music by Bret & Frisk at 7pm.

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

Northland Pines School District Board of Education Meeting:

NPHS Large Group Instruction Room, 4th Mon, 6pm.

Over-the-Hill Bowling: T&M Lanes, Tue & Fri, 1pm, 'til April 15.

Northwoods Singers Rehearsals: Northland Pines High School, meets Tue, 6:30pm. Ride sharing available—meet at 5:30pm at Headwaters State Bank parking lot.

Headwaters Food Pantry: mtg, LOL Senior Center, 3rd Tue, 1pm.

LOL VFW Post 8400: VFW Hall, Last Tue, 7pm.

Kid's Story Hour: LOL Library, meets Wed 10-11am. Stories, games, crafts, treats, and more.

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

Headwaters Food Pantry Pick-up: LOL Senior Center, 1st & 3rd Wed, 9am-12pm.

Home-School Book Club: LOL Library, 1st & 3rd Wed, 1pm. Youth ages 9 & up. Call 715-547-6006.

Wilderness Lakes Trails: LOL Chamber of Commerce Building, 4th Wed, 5pm. Public welcome.

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

New-U Club: Headwaters Bank, Thu, 8:45-10am.

Airport Commission: Town Hall, 2nd Thu, 5:30pm.

LOL Chamber of Commerce: @ Chamber, 3rd Thu, 8am. Public welcome.

Open Mike Night: @ 1938 North, Fri, 7-8:30pm.

Frosty Club: LOL Town Hall, 1st Sat, 9am, Oct-Apr.

LOL Dump: Tue 8am-3pm, Thu 12-5pm, Sat 8am-4pm.

PHELPS . . .

Phelps Women's Club Outing-North Star Health Center-Iron River: Mon, Jan 17. Bus departing 10am, tour at 11am. Lunch to follow. Husbands and friends also invited. Limited seating, call Sharon Gifford at (715)545-4008 for your reservation on the bus.

Great Northern Ice Fishing Tournament: on Lac Vieux Desert, Jan 22, 9am. \$45 registration fee includes meal at 1938 NORTH, \$15 meal-only tickets available. Must be registered by Jan 16. Call Dick Martin at 715-545-3327 or Dennis Konieczka at 617-2128.

4th Annual North Twin Cup Radar Run: North Twin Lake, Feb 5. Registration 9am, races 10am.

Phelps Public Library: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri - 10am-4pm; Wed - 2-6 pm; Sat - 10am-12pm.

Phelp's Women's Club Meeting: 3rd Mon, 1pm. Call Sharon at 715-545-4008 for location of meeting.

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

Phelps Transfer Station: Sat, 9am-12pm.

WATERSMEET . . .

Camp Forgotten Program: Ottawa Vistor Center, Jan 15, 2pm.

The Greatest Good Part 1 Program: Ottawa Vistor Center, Jan 22, 2pm.

Halfway Through The Winter Karaoke Party: Cisco Lake Bar & Resort, Jan 29, 8pm-?

Sew What Group: Watersmeet Baptist Church, Tue, 10am-9pm.

Watersmeet Township Board of Education Meeting: 3rd Mon, 7pm. Unless otherwise noted.

Invasive Species Control Coalition of Watersmeet (IS-CW): Forest Service Headquarters in Watersmeet, 3rd Tue, 9am.

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

BEYOND THE BORDER . . .

Northland Pines Music Boosters Meeting: NPHS band room, Thu, Jan 13, 6pm. All interested in promoting music education welcome. Contact Brandon Bautz 715-479-4473x0802 or bbautz@npsd.k12.wi.us for more info.

NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER PROGRAMS:

Book Club Gathering: at the Discovery Center, monthly on Tuesdays, 4:30pm. Jan 18-*Into the Wild*, Feb 15-*The Orchid Thief*. Free, register in advance.

Nibbles 'n' Knowledge Program-"Let's Talk Deer": at Campy Jom YMCA, Thu, Jan 20. \$12 fee (\$15 non-members).

Snowshoe Hike: at Statehouse Lake, Sat, Jan 22, 10am-noon. Free, pre-registration appreciated, especially if you need to rent snowshoes as supplies are limited.

For further information: www.discoverycenter.net or 877-543-2085. The Discovery Center is located in Manitowish Waters on Hwy W, 1.2 miles NE of Hwy 51.

ADVANCED HEALTH PROGRAMS:

Nutrition for Dummies: Thu, Jan 13, 1-2pm. Ashley Stetler.
Weight: Tue, Jan 18, 6:30-7:30pm. Ashley Stetler.
Nutrition for Dummies: Tue, Jan 25, 6:30-7:30pm. Ashley Stetler.
For further information: Natural Health Improvement Center 401 S Pelham St, Rhinelander 715-362-2300.

World Championship Snowmobile Derby: Eagle River, Jan 13-16.

Radar Run: Little St. Germain Lake-St. Germain, Jan 21-22, 10am-4pm.

Ice Fishing School: Wild Eagle Lodge-Eagle River, Jan 21-22. 479-3151 for details.

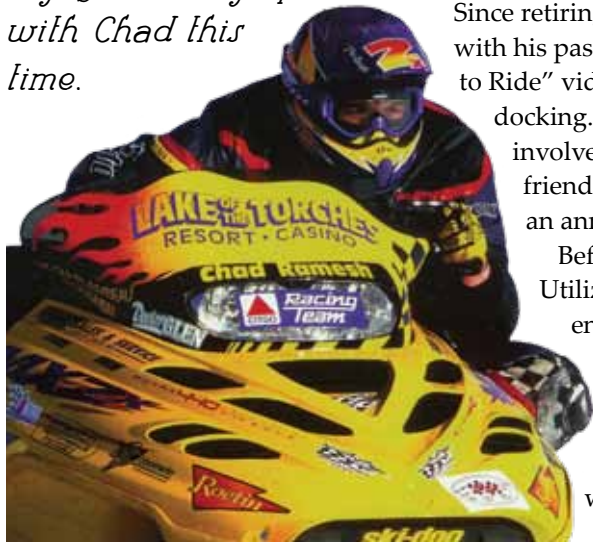
Tea Party with the Duchess: Northwoods Children Museum, Jan 22, 11am-1pm.

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Well, it's a new year and we all know what that means... it's Derby time! And with that we are taking the opportunity to introduce a new column based on what our readers told us they wanted. Enjoy catching up with Chad this time.



If you have information you'd like considered for our "Local Look" please contact us at (715)547-3745 or info@borderbulletin.com.

A Local Look...

by Sheila Bernier

The World Championship Snowmobile Derby is in Eagle River January 13-16, 2011. Land O' Lakes local Chad Ramesh once participated in this racing series. Chad was sponsored by Ski Doo for 7 years and Polaris for 3 years. His past achievements include being a 12-time Stock Class World Champion at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River, along with being a 3-time United States Snowmobile Association (USSA) Driver of the Year. He also has many USSA class championships under his belt as well as being a guest racer at the Jackson Hole World Championship Snowmobile Hill Climb in Jackson, WY.

Since retiring from oval track racing in 2003, Chad keeps up with his passion for snowmobiling by filming extreme "Born to Ride" videos with Dobson Entertainment and by boondocking. Boondocking is an extreme type of riding that involves getting off the beaten path, which Chad and friends do weekly in the U.P. of Michigan in addition to an annual trip out west.

Before snowmobile racing Chad was an off road racer. Utilizing his many years of racing experience, he presently works with his father at Ramesh Motorsports in Land O' Lakes. Chad and his wife Shelly are the proud parents of 3 children who are very involved in hockey (not racing), and are the owners Northscape Landscaping and Garden Center which keep them busy in the summer months.

Speaking of significant others, did you give yours a gift this year? Why not treat it to a "massage" or give it some "candy"? Your sled I mean! Not your spouse :) Give it some Amsoil Interceptor-Synthetic Two Cycle Snowmobile Oil. It... ▶ Prevents ring sticking

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Going Above and Beyond

Sam Otterpohl has been really going above and beyond for our community and he deserves a big thank you. He did all the ice preparations for the Ice Rink AKA "Snowflake". Sam also goes down there every Saturday and provides hotdogs and hot chocolate for all the skaters (out of his own pocket!!!) - not to mention all the other services he provides for Land O' Lakes.

The Sled Dogs are Coming!

Bring your Christmas trees behind the LO'L firebarn in preparation for the 3 Bear Sled Dog Races. The actual races will be on February 5th and 6th this year. Races begin at 10 am Saturday and at 9 am Sunday in downtown Land O' Lakes, with the traditional Children's Mutt Race at 1pm. See the next issue of The Border Bulletin or visit www.3Bear.org for more information on this event.

Can You Say GRABAAWR?

Gra-huh? The Great Annual Bicycle Adventure Along the Wisconsin River (GRABAAWR) is a bicycle tour that starts at the beginning of the Wisconsin River and travels throughout the state along its two lane road system for over 500 miles following the river. It attracts as many as 400 bicyclists from across the United States and Canada. These visitors will be arriving in the area on Saturday, June 18 and staying until Monday morning June 20 when they will begin their trek. Land O' Lakes has the privilege of being the host kick-off community for GRABAAWR and look forward to introducing them to the friendly, welcoming hospitality our area has to offer.

Events are in the planning stage to welcome the riders who will be camping on the grounds of the Elementary School and staying at various lodging facilities in the area. Meetings of community members have been held and more help is needed. If you are interested in helping promote our area by showing the true small town spirit we have, contact the Chamber at 715-547-3432 so that we can inform you of future upcoming planning sessions.

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Mathematics Lesson: 5 x 2 = 2010

Carol Wait from Clintonville, WI, and long time summer resident of Land O' Lakes is shown celebrating five generations in her family with two babies born in '10.



Pictured above is Great Great Grandmother Carol Wait holding baby Reagan Reitzner, Great Grandfather John Wait, Grandmother Linda Reitzner, Mother Shelly Reitzner and Father Dylan Reitzner.



Shown here is Great Great Grandmother Carol Wait holding baby Porter Morack, Great Grandfather John Wait, Grandmother Linda Reitzner, and Mother Megan Reitzner.

How Good is Good?

*From the Pastor's Window
by Pastor Skip Pullen*

It's the New Year! Usually at this time of year people take time to assess their lives and give thought to making changes for the year to come. Besides getting rid of unwanted habits, people usually make resolutions to try and live better lives. Have you ever thought about it though? Our standards of better are compared to how we have been living and not what may be better. For instance, a person may decide to drop from eating 6 donuts a day to 4 donuts a day. Better, yet is it good enough? Have we ever really thought about how good is good?

In Mark's gospel account, in the tenth chapter, Jesus meets a rich young man. He approaches Jesus addressing Him as Good Teacher. Jesus asks him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" Mark 10:18-19 I doubt the young man recognized that Jesus was really

God in the flesh. How we need to grasp the truth of what Jesus goes on to say, no one is good but God. He finishes by telling the young man to keep the commandments. Interestingly, the young man doesn't see that Jesus only shares the last six of the Ten Commandments. The man responds by telling the Lord that he has kept all these from his youth. He didn't notice that the commands pertaining to God were omitted. In his eyes, he no doubt thought he was okay. Just in case, he asks Jesus if there was anything else. To this, Christ lovingly replies, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." Mark 10:21. He had kept most of the commandments, but not all of them. He had an idol, his wealth.

What is good for each of us to consider is how we can be like this rich young man. We can become very selective in the commandments we keep and fail to realize those we break. Years later, the Apostle Paul would

cite the words of the Psalmist, "There is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10. Each of us needs to realize that no matter how good we think we are, we are not good enough. We all fall short of heaven. The Good News is that God made a way apart from keeping the commandments to get right with Him. That way is through faith in Jesus Christ and the work of Calvary's cross. On the cross, God poured out the full fury of His wrath against our sin on Jesus. Jesus took our punishment.

We must acknowledge we are sinners and can't do anything to appease God's wrath on our own, meaning that our goodness isn't good enough. We must believe that Christ took our punishment at the cross and successfully defeated our sin, confessing Him as Lord in our lives and with our mouths. If you never have called upon the Lord to be saved, why not make the New Year the time to do so. If you have, commit yourself anew to living for Him each day throughout the New Year. *Know I'm praying for you.*

Join Others in Unity Celebration

Join in to celebrate a week of prayer for Christian unity. On Tues., Jan. 25th at noon, people will gather at Ely Memorial Church in Land O'Lakes for lunch and conversation. This will be followed by a brief time of prayer and blessing of each congregation's ministry. Ely Memorial members are making soup, St. Albert's folks are to bring sandwiches and LO'L Bible congregation will bring dessert. A free-will offering will be taken to help with local needs - i.e. housing, food vouchers, transportation and such. Contact 715-547-3890 or elyucc@elyucc.org to help with planning or to attend please RSVP by Jan. 16th (In the case of severe winter weather, the gathering would take place on Feb. 1st.)

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My deep appreciation for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and offers of help during my recent surgery. I am sure it helped towards my long recovery. It's times like this that you realize how many friends are there for you. A special thanks to those that drove down to Wausau and back and also picked me up when I was able to come home. You will always be in my prayers - Ron Fredrick

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Audience Enjoyed Their Gifts *by Barbara W. Wilkinson*

Aficionados of the Big Band Era were delighted with the presentation of "A Christmas Gift": the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and the Pied Pipers. Sponsored by the Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts, the event was held on Saturday, December 4, at the Northland Pines High School Auditorium. The audience was taken for a stroll down memory lane, where it experienced the strong rhythmic "swing" music from the '30's and 40's. Enhancing the band was the 2010 version of the famous Pied Pipers, whose harmonic voices depicted music from popular earlier tunes to familiar Christmas Carols. The orchestra and its current leader Bill Tole brought a smooth, sentimental

style that put the audience in the Christmas spirit.

The Pied Pipers were introduced with talented lead singer Nancy Knorr playing the role of Helen O'Donnell and singing pleasant adaptations of When You're Smiling and I'll Never Smile Again. The highlight of the evening was Christopher Sanders baritone rendering of The Impossible Dream from "Man of La Mancha." His smooth, clear deep voice mesmerized the audience. This outstanding performance was followed by tenor Kevin Kennard's soft shoe rendering of Winter Wonderland, complete with Christmas hat and candy cane. The audience loved it!

As in yesteryear, each member of the band performed his own

improvised melodic solo sometime during the evening, each keeping time with the snapping fingers of Tole who played the "role" of Jimmy Dorsey.

The performance concluded with the combined ensemble featuring several well-known Christmas Carols. The audience responded with a standing ovation.

Also enjoyed this holiday season was "An Afternoon of Song" performed by gifted soprano Dr. Pamalyn Lee and talented pianist Harriet Ribbens. Their gifts gave the cold winter a feeling of warmth at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes on December 12th.

How lucky we are in the North Woods to have talents like Lee and Ribbens' to inspire us. The afternoon was musically captivating. Thanks to both performers for sharing their gifts with us. We hope this will be an annual event.

Some're Gearing in Winter

Outdoor Outtings by Steve Doyen

Here we are in the cold, dead of winter not knowing what to do. Snow conditions are bad, the cold has settled in and you're sitting around with nothing to do. Well this is a great time to grab you're summer gear and check it all over. Start with you're fishing reels: clean and adjust them. Or if you have reels to repair, now is the time to send them out to be fixed so that you will have them back in time to use for the spring season. Next go over you're rods: check for line wear. If there is some, you may have some bad eyes that are wearing out you're line. A good way to discover an issue is to use a

cotton swab and run it through you're eyes, if it catches or drags you have found the problem. Then you can have them looked at and possibly fixed or replace the rod.

Don't forget to look at you're tackle and straighten or put all those baits back where they belong so you will be ready when spring does finally come. Little things that you address now will make you're winter pass faster and have you ready to go come opening day.

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Keeping You Posted

By Cathy Grady, LOL Postmaster



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matter how prices change in the future. They never lose value. This convenience will allow customers to purchase a greater variety of their favorite stamp subjects and not have to worry about future price changes—they will be good forever. The Postal Service developed the Forever Stamp for consumers to ease the transition during price changes. Now that the Postal Service offers coils, booklets, and Holiday Forever Stamps, almost 85% of its stamp program is Forever.

The Key is the Core

Health & Wellness
by Dr. Ida Allen-Bergman

As we try to stay fit through these 'hibernation' months, concentrate on that midline! In my opinion, the most efficient way to get your body in shape is to do exercises that incorporate strength and resistance but that double as core training as well. Any time you are engaging your core, without even realizing it, your body gets extra conditioning. So whether you are out snowshoeing or just taking the stairs at the office, keep your stomach muscles tight! The workout below is no exception. If you keep your abs tight throughout these exercises, you will surely see that six pack sooner than you anticipated.

5. Cross Legged Crunches: Keeping chin to ceiling and elbows back, perform small crunches concentrated in your lower abdominals. Do 2 sets of 25.



6. 2 mins of jumprope.

7. Ball Pushups: Do as many as you can. If you can only bend your elbows slightly and straighten back up, that's a good place to start. You will progress from there.



8. Squat Jumps: Keeping your abdominals tight, squat down to the shown position, and pop up around 6 inches off the ground. If you are not ready for the jump, start with just the squat and then raise to a straight leg position. Perform 2 sets of 15.



9. Cool Down by stretching thoroughly.

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January 19 - Full Moon, called "Wolf Moon" by Native Americans of New England and the Great Lakes because of the time of year - the wolves howl in hunger.



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Bird Feeding Nature Notes by Peter Dring

Many people feed the birds in the winter, in fact many feed them all year long. Most feeder birds are relatively easy to identify, some however can be a bit tricky. Those birds covered here are only the most common and likely to be visitors to your feeders. That being said it is quite unlikely that you will see all of them in a given year.

We have two general groups of birds using our feeders in winter, the permanent residents i.e.. Black Capped Chickadees and Downy Woodpeckers and the winter visitors ie. Pine Grosbeaks and Pine Siskins.

First we will look at winter finches they commonly include: Gold finches, Purple Finches, Pine Siskins, Redpolls, Evening Grosbeaks and Pine Grosbeaks. Finches typically have heavy conical beaks except for the Siskin which has a more slender all purpose beak, it is brownish and boldly striped all over and may show some yellow in the wings and tail. It is our smallest winter finch.

The Goldfinch is slightly larger has dark wings with a white or beige wing bar and no body striping. The Redpoll is the same size as the Goldfinch about 5 inches long, is heavily striped like the siskin but has a red cap and a black bib. In win-

ter there is not a lot of sexual differences between the male and female of these three.

The next largest is the purple finch at 5½ to 6 inches and the males and females differ considerably. The female and the young of the year are heavily striped and you should look for a dark jaw stripe and a dark ear patch. The male has little or not striping and is a pleasant raspberry red color.

The last two winter finches we will cover are the Evening and the Pine Grosbeak. The Evening male is about 8 inches long, a yellowish gray color with black and white wings and a black tail. It has a dark head with a beautiful yellow forehead and over the eyes. The female is a dull non-descript yellow-gray with black and white wings, it sort of suggests a large Goldfinch.

The Pine Grosbeak male is large 8-10 inches rosy red bird with dark wings having 2 wing bars. The female is gray-green with dark wings, both have rather long tails that are notched as do all the finches.

I won't go into detail on the Black Capped Chickadee, our most common year round resident however if you live near a bog keep your eye out for a chickadee with a brown cap and

brown on the body as we also have the Boreal Chickadee.

The White and Red Breasted Nuthatches are next. The white breasted, the larger of the two has a white breast, the cap, black (in the male) or gray (the female) ends above the black eye and there is no eye stripe. The Red Breasted is about one half the size, has a reddish breast and an obvious eye stripe. Both have gray backs and are usually seen coming down the tree trunk. I would be remiss if left out the Brown Creeper, not a real common feeder bird but it hangs out with the chickadees. Look for a small, well camouflaged, striped brownish bird with a long tail held tight against the tree trunk and a white eye stripe. It is usually seen searching the tree for insects, insect eggs or the grubs. You will have to look carefully for this one, it will be climbing up the tree.

The two common woodpeckers found at winter feeders are the Downy and the Hairy. Their plumage is almost identical with the hairy half again as large as the Downy, easy if they are seen together. If you see only one compare the beak length with the diameter of the head, the Downy beak is about half the diameter while the Hairy's is

about the same diameter.

We have both Crows and Ravens in the Northwoods and while the crow is a common bird at feeders the Raven rarely comes in. The Raven has a noticeably heavier beak and a "ruff" about the neck. In flight the crow will show a wedge shaped tail while the Raven's is rounded. Two more members of the Crow family include the Jays, the Blue and the Gray. The Blue Jay is so common I won't describe it as we all should be familiar with it. The Gray is not nearly as common, it is gray on the back with a white cap, throat and forehead, and black on the back of the head. They make the most interesting sounds and their flight is best described as soft. One bird you

may confuse with the Gray Jay would be the Northern Shrike. It has a black mask, black wings and tail and a faintly barred breast. This is a VERY aggressive bird of prey, with a hawk like beak that visits your feeder only to kill and consume the birds found there .

We occasionally have a Mourning Dove that over winters in the Northwoods, nothing really resembles them and they are almost always found feeding on the ground.

Enjoy... and good birding!



BOARD ELECTION

The Land O' Lakes Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its annual meeting on Thursday, January 20, at the Gateway Lodge Restaurant. The evening will begin with a social time starting at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting, which will include election of the 2011 Board of Directors, will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow. The public is welcome. If you are interested in attending and would like to make dinner reservations, call Sandy at the Chamber at 715-547-3432 and she will be glad to help you.

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52nd Annual Winter Frolic

The Conover Lions Club will host the 52nd annual Winter Frolic Sunday, February 13th, featuring sled races and raffles. The action takes place from 11:30am to 3:30pm at the Conover Town Park, one block east of Highway 45 on Highway K. Sled races for children start at 1:00pm with awards for winners in every age group. Everyone is welcome to bring their own sleds, tubes and saucers. The children will be towed to the top of the sled hill by the Conover Sno-Buddies snowmobile club trail groomer. Food and beverages will be sold at the park's indoor shelter. Proceeds raised by the Conover Lions Club go to many local and international causes, including Camp Rosholt in Rosholt, WI for the blind and deaf.

4th Annual North Twin Cup

The Phelps Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its 4th annual North Twin Cup Radar Run. The event will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2011 on North Twin Lake and is open to racers of all abilities. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with racing slated for 10:00 a.m. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded in each racing class. Food and beverages will be sold throughout the day at the race site. In addition to the races, the Chamber is also sponsoring a poker run and cash raffle along with other events.

More details will be available soon on the chamber's website www.phelpscofc.org. For more information call the Chamber at 715-545-3800 or send an email to phelps_chamber@gmail.com

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

The organization Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will hold its February gathering on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at the Plum Lake Public Library, 239 Hwy 155, Sayner, from

noon until 4:00 p.m. Program highlights include a teen group discussion, a play group for younger kids, along with a dialog and support group meeting for caregivers. A light lunch will also be served.

For any questions, or to sign up to attend the event, please RSVP Kathy Thompson, 715-358-0129 by no later than noon on Tuesday, January 25, 2011.

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