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Recently, Wendy Marx of Hartford, WI, captured this colorful sunrise at the Gateway Lodge in Land O' Lakes.

Radar Run Held at Bent's Camp

Every year in February, a 1,000 foot track is plowed on Mamie Lake for the annual *Radar Run* at Bent's Camp. On February 19th, spectators from all over the United States will watch as racers compete for the best speed in many different classes. The popular *Bikini Race* will take place at 3:00pm. Food, music, and an outdoor ice bar are also available. Spend the day watching this exhilarating sport and support a local event. The event is a fundraiser for the Frosty Snowmobile Club to help maintain the 45 miles of snowmobile trails in the Land O' Lakes area. Check out Phil's Land O' Lakes snowmobile trail report at SnowTracks.com. If you need additional snowmobile trailer parking, there is plenty of space available behind the Land O' Lakes Town Hall.

Northwoods Blizzard Blast Announces Event Schedule

The *Northwoods Blizzard Blast* Event Committee has announced the event schedule for the upcoming winter festival to be held Saturday, February 19th, at the Conover Community Park. All proceeds from the event benefit northwoods area Fire and EMS Departments.

Billed as "Winter Fun for Everyone," activities are from 10:00am-4:00pm. Admission and events are free for spectators. Single event tickets will be available for purchase for those who want to participate.

Recliner Races, *Ice Bowling*, and *Slap Shot Hockey* events, along with open skating, will be held on the ice rink. Hot laps happen throughout the day, while *Recliner Race* finals happen at 2:30pm; winner gets the \$100 prize. Prizes also awarded for *Slap Shots* and *Ice Bowling*.

The adjacent baseball diamond will be home to the *Firefighter Challenge Competition*, *Dogsled Dash*, and the popular *Candy Flurry*, which happens when fire engine sirens

sound off. *Giant Ski Races* cross the outfield, while teams of four challenge one another to ski together in sync and stay upright on one pair of 18' long custom made skis.

On the south end of the park, *Chilly Charlie's Children's Carnival* area features winter-themed games with prizes awarded. Kids may try their luck at *Snowman Pong*, *Ring Toss*, *Find my Buttons*, *Pin the Nose on the Snowman*, and *Chilly Charlie's Challenge*. Children will also enjoy *Snow Art Fun*, using nature's own materials to create colorful art in the snow. Set up in the new park rec facility, talented artists will delight the children with colorful face paintings.

Event participants will find open sledding on the popular sledding hill at the south end of the park, along with demonstrations in archery and snowshoeing nearby. Loading near the park pavilion, horse drawn sleigh rides depart the park every 15 minutes and travel

through scenic forest lands. Pony rides will happen during 45-minute windows beginning the top of each hour.

The large raffle tent near the center of the park will host basket raffle drawings, as well as silent auction items. Additional 50/50 raffle games will be held near the snow bar.

The *Northwoods Blizzard Blast Artisan Bazaar* is held from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Community Center adjacent to the park. Handcrafted winter wear, seasonal crafts, and nature-inspired jewelry will be showcased. Try tasty samplings of dips, desserts, and drink mixes. Buy authentic fur hats, muffs, headbands, and gloves. Home décor, Wisconsin sports team items, weather stations, and weaved rugs will be for sale. Offerings will also include goat milk lotions and soaps, as well as alpaca products.

Sandwiches, s'mores, snacks, and refreshments are available all day in the new park rec facility. Warming bonfires and heated

restrooms are located throughout the park.

The Conover Community Park is located ½ mile east of Hwy 45 on Hwy K. For

more information, please visit www.northwoods-blizzardblast.com, *Northwoods Blizzard Blast* on Facebook, or call 715-547-8120.



TIME	EVENT	COST
9am-4pm	ARTISAN BAZAAR	Free to browse
10am-4pm	FACE PAINTING	Varies (by design)
10am-4pm	HORSE DRAWN SCENIC RIDES	\$2-\$5 (by age)
10am-4pm	SLAP SHOT HOCKEY-Shot on goal, win a prize!	\$2
10am-4pm	ICE BOWLING-Bowl a strike, win a prize!	\$2
10am-4pm	CHILLY CHARLIE'S CARNIVAL GAMES FOR KIDS	\$1 each
10am-4pm	PONY RIDES (Ponies on break last 15 minutes of each hour)	\$3
11am-2pm	KID'S DOGSLED DASH-win a Musher's Medal	\$3
1pm	GIANT SKI RACES	Free
Afternoon	CANDY FLURRY-listen for the siren!	Free
10am-4pm	HOT LAPS ON RECLINER RACE TRACK	\$3 (team of 3)
2:30pm	RECLINER RACE FINALS-\$100 prize! (register by 2:00pm)	\$20 (team of 3)
10:30-12:30	FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGES	Free
10am-4pm	ARCHERY DEMO	Free
10am-4pm	SNOWSHOE DEMO by THE HIKER BOX	Free
10am-4pm	SNOW ART FUN FOR KIDS	Free
10am-4pm	SNOW BAR, MUSIC, RAFFLES & MORE	Varies

Sandwiches, s'mores, snacks, soda & beer are available all day. Toasty bonfires and heated restrooms are located throughout the park.

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Paint Your Own Growler Class

LOLA Arts is offering a *Paint Your Own Growler* class on March 1st from 10:00am-2:00pm at LOLA.

Join Artist Sue Schurch to paint/repurpose an empty used growler donated by Tribute Brewing in Eagle River.

Paint a loon, flowers, fish, lake, or family name. Let us know your design choice ahead of time, so that Sue can have a graphic prepared for you to sketch on the growler. This class

will be self-paced with Sue giving each student individual attention, as they work on their project. Deadline to register at <https://lolaartswi.com/events/paint-a-growler> is February 25th. Cost is \$30. Wear a smock, apron, or appropriate clothing, and bring a lunch.

About the Artist: Sue Schurch owns Blossoms Studio in Land O' Lakes, which she opened in 2001. Working in acrylic paint, she paints and wood burns on found objects and new wood. Sue loves to find old barn wood and antique furniture as surfaces for her work. She is on the *Northwoods Art Tour* and sells her work at Moondeer & Friends in Boulder Junction and Cluck the Chicken Store in Paoli, WI. Sue graduated from UW-Madison with a major in art.



Photo provided by LOLA

Summer Interns Needed at LOLA

LOLA Arts is looking for three summer interns to share their creativity and passion for the arts through teaching. All summer interns will earn a stipend, be mentored by LOLA Arts staff, and have the option of free lodging provided in the LOLA apartment during their employment. Applicants should

have completed at least one year of college/technical school and have experience/expertise in one or more of the following: visual art, dance, theater, performing arts, or creative writing. For more detailed information and to apply, please visit our website <https://lolaartswi.com/about/internships>.

Phelps School Spelling Bee Results

The School District of Phelps recently held a *Scripps Spelling Bee* for grades 5-8. Fourteen students competed. The winners will move on to the *Regional Bee* at Phelps School. The *Spelling Bee* was coordinated by Joe Crownhart. Pronouncer was June Franzen, and the judges were Laura Myszka, Kathy Mesun, and Kaye Petts.



Photo by Sharon Gifford

Winners (L-R): Terefetch Snook—6th grade, alternate; Autumn Stevens—5th grade, 3rd place; Ryker Hafer—5th grade, 2nd place; and Bodde Regenfuss—6th grade, 1st place.

DMV Offers Free ID to Vote

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has information and services to help people obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting. The department urges residents needing an ID to start the process now to have identification in time for the Wisconsin 2022 *Spring Primary Election* on February 15th.

Valid identification for voting purposes includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate "voter ID." A federally-compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website to check.

To obtain identification to show at the polls for voting, begin online at wisconsinidmv.gov/idcards. If the required documents needed for an ID are not readily available, DMV has a process, called the Voter ID Petition Process, to obtain the necessary information. This process, available free of charge, can be used to quickly obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting, while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

BORDER HAPPENINGS

ANNOUNCEMENTS • • •
♥ Featured in this issue.

- Super Bowl Sunday: Feb 13.
- Valentine's Day: Feb 14.
- Spring Primary Election: Feb 15.
- MI Free Winter Fishing Weekend: Feb 19-20.
- President's Day: Feb 21.
- School Info: 2021-2022
NPSD:
-Teacher In-Service: Feb 18.
- Phelps:
-Teacher In-Service: Feb 26.
- President's Day: Feb 21.
- School Info: 2021-2022
NPSD:
-No School: Feb 4.
-Teacher In-Service: Feb 18.
- CONOVER • • •
- Lions Winter Frolic: Town Park, Feb 12, 12-3pm.
- Northwoods Blizzard Blast: ♥
Town Park, Feb 19, 10am-4pm.
- Snowmobile Obstacle Course-
Jacob Sieg Benefit: Dublins,
Feb 26, 10am-4pm.

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Northwoods
BLIZZARD BLAST

FEBRUARY 19 | 10AM - 4PM

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Town Board Meetings:
Conover Center, 2nd Thurs, 6pm.

Conover Clerk's Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm. Events at www.townofconover.com/calendar.

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

Conover Chamber Hours:
Conover Center, Tues-Thurs 9am-2pm. www.conover.org.

Conover Transfer Station Hours:
Wed 1-4pm; Sun 8am-1pm.

LAND O' LAKES • • •
Fish & Game Club Valentine's Dinner: Gateway Lodge, Feb 15, 5:30-9pm.

Frosty Club Radar Run & Chili Feed: Bent's Camp, Feb 19, 11am-4pm. ❤️

Candlelight Bowling Fundraiser:
The Alley, Feb 22.

Luoto's Fitness Classes:
Full-Body Circuit:
M 9:30am, F 8:30am.
Women Staying Strong:
TU & TH 9:30am.
Stretch & Foam Rolling:
W 8:30am, F 9:30am.

LIBRARY: ❤️
Temporarily Curbside Service Only. Library Board Meetings:
2nd Wed, 9am.
Open: M/TU/TH/F, 10am-4pm; W 10am-6pm; Sa 10am-1pm.
More info 715-547-6006.

LOLA PROGRAMS: ❤️
Small Loom Weaving: Feb 17, 10am-1pm. \$50. Reg.by 2/17.
Paint A Growler: Mar 1, 10am-2pm. \$30. Reg.by 2/25.

Watercolor Wednesdays:
10am-2pm.
Fiber Fridays: Fri 10am-12pm.
**Classes at LOLA unless noted.
Visit website or call 715-547-3950.

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

Pickleball: School, M & TH, 3:30-5:30pm.

VFW Post 8400 Meetings:
VFW Hall, last Tue, 7pm.

Headwaters Food Pantry Pick-up:
Olympic 76 St, 1st & 3rd Wed, 8:30-11:30am. 715-547-6060.

Planning & Beautification Meeting:
Town Hall, 2nd Wed, 10am.

Town Board Meetings:
Town Hall, 2nd Wed, 6pm.

Stateline Auxiliary VFW 8400 Meeting: Veterans Center, 1st Thurs, 5pm.

American Legion Post 464 Meetings: 2nd Thurs, 6pm.

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

LOL Chamber Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9am-2pm.

LOL Town Hall Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm.

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

LOL Transfer Station Hours:
Tue 8am-3pm; Thurs 12-4pm; Sat 8am-4pm.

PHELPS • • •

Fishing Tournament: Northern Exposure, Feb 12, 6am-4pm.

Sand Lake Pub Fishing Tournament: Feb 19, 7am-3pm.

4K Screening: School, Feb 18, 8am-3pm.

LIBRARY: ❤️
Storytime: Tues 2pm.
Writers Group: Mar 5, 1pm.
Hours: M/Tu/Th/F 10am-4pm; W 2-6pm; Sat 10am-1pm.
www.phelpspubliclibrary.org, director@phelps.wislib.org, or call 715-545-2887.

Phelps Women's Club Meeting:
Congregational Church, Mon 1pm.
Call 715-617-0308 for date.

Phelps Chamber Meeting:
Accelerator Bldg, 2nd Tues, 6:30pm.

Pickleball: School, Wed 9-11am.

Phelps Town Board Meeting:
Town Hall, 2nd Wed, 7pm.

Phelps/LOL Lions Club: 3rd Thurs 6pm. Call Rollie Alger at 715-545-2711 or Brian Blank at 262-302-0458.

Phelps Historical Museum:
Winter Hours: By Appointment Call Pauleyn 715-545-3012 for info.

Phelps Chamber Office Hours:
M/Tu/W/F 9am-3pm.

Phelps Post Office Window:
Mon-Fri 8am-12:15pm & 2:15-4pm; Sat 9-11am.

Phelps Town Hall Hours:
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm.

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

WATERSMEET • • •
Town Board of Education Meeting:
3rd Mon, 6:30pm.

ISCCW Meetings: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.
No meeting Nov & Dec.

A.A. Meeting: Spiritual Center; Tues/Thur/Sat 7pm. (All Open Topic)
Call 906-366-0067 for more info.

Planning Commission Meeting:
Town Hall, 2nd Wed, 5:30pm.
Meeting info www.watersmeet.us.

Town Board Meeting: Town Hall, 3rd Wed, 6:30pm.

American Legion Post 417:
Community Center, last Thurs, 3pm.

Watersmeet Town Hall Hours:
Mon-Fri 7am-3pm. For more info visit the new www.watersmeet.us.

Watersmeet Transfer Station Hours:
M/T/Th/F/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 •
Snowmobile Club Breakfast:
Boulder Beer Bar, Feb 20, 8:30am-11am.

EAGLE RIVER •
USA Labatt Blue Pond Hockey National Championships:
Dollar Lake, Feb 11-13.

Snowshoe Celebration: Three Eagle Trailhead, Feb 12, 4pm.

NPMS Musical-Shrek: Northland Pines High School, Feb 18-20, F/Sa 7pm, Sa/Su 2pm.

Arctic Derby Dash/UTV: Derby Track, Feb 25-26.

Trees For Tomorrow Events:
-KinderWild Camp: Fri until Mar 11.
-Sylvania Wilderness Snowshoe with Dogs: Feb 19, 1-4pm.
-XC Skie & Snowshoe ReTREEt:
Feb 20-26.
Visit www.treesfortomorrow.com.

OLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY:
Book Club: 1pm.
-The Invisible Life of Addie Larue:
Feb 10.
-Eleanor: Feb 14.
Temporarily Curbside Service Only. Hours: M 9am-7pm; T-TH 9am-6pm; F 9am-5pm; S 9am-3pm.
For more info 715-479-8070 or email olsonlibrary@gmail.com.

MANITOWISH WATERS •
Winter Rendezvous: Rest Lake Park, Feb 19, 10am-6pm.

PRESQUE ISLE •
Winter Fest & Ice Fishing Tournament: Pipeke Park, Feb 26, 9am-3pm.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS:
Qigong: Sat 9-10am.
Hours: M/W 9-6; T/Th/S 9-12; F 9-3.
715-686-7613 or email skaack@presqueisle.wislib.org.

RHINELANDER •
Ruby's Pantry: Rhineland National Guard Armory, 3rd Tues, 4pm.

SAYNER/STAR LAKE •
Plum Lake Ice Fishing Tournament: Sayner Community Center, Feb 12, 6am-3pm.

Barnstormers Pizza Fundraiser:
Hillside, Feb 20, 4-8pm.

ST. GERMAIN •
Barnstormers Chili Dump: Murruring Waters, Feb 12, 2-5pm.

Ride with the Champs: Hall of Fame, Feb 18-19.


Awassa Trails Candlelight Ski/Snowshoe/Fatbike: Feb 19, 6-8pm.

THREE LAKES •
Tavern League Poker Run #2:
Headwaters Bar, Feb 17-19.


UPPER MICHIGAN •
MI Tech University Winter Carnival:
Feb 9-12.

Book Across The Bay:
Ashland to Washburn, Feb 19, 6pm.

MI-TRALE Meeting: Stannard Town Hall-Bruce Crossing, 1st Mon 7pm.




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An online library is available free with your Land O' Lakes Library card through the Libby app. Borrow eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines to read, or listen to, on your phone or tablet using the Libby app by Overdrive. If you have previously used the Overdrive app, we suggest switching over to the Libby app (your books will transfer with you), as Overdrive is phasing out the original app. You will need to have your library card number available when you sign up. The app does not require wifi or cellular service to enjoy. For more information, visit overdrive.com/apps/libby/ or contact the Land O' Lakes Library at 715-547-6006.

ELEANOR ELLIS PHELPS LIBRARY:

We now offer self-paced online music lessons by @ArtistWorks taught by the masters. Players of all levels will improve skills, get feedback, and practice with purpose. Find it under "Extras" in the #LibbyApp, free with your library card. The Libby app can be found on our website at www.phelpspubliclibrary.org, then click "Online Resources".

The *Next Chapter Book Club* meeting is Wednesday, February 16th, at 6:00pm. We will be discussing the book *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict. The book choice for March is *Girl in Disguise* by Greer Macallaster.

The first meeting for the *Write On Writer's Group* is Saturday, March 5th, at 1:00pm. This group is open to adults who write, or would like to write, and for the purpose of improving your craft through peer evaluations, inspiration, and encouragement.

All meetings are at the library. Call 715-545-2887 to reserve a book, curbside pickup, delivery, or more information.

Maple Syrup Fest Seeks Vendors

Phelps *Maple Syrup Fest* is bringing back the ever-popular *Arts & Crafts Show!* *Maple Syrup Fest* is Saturday, April 2nd, at the Phelps School. The Phelps Chamber of Commerce is seeking craft vendors to sell a variety of products including handmade pottery, leather crafts, artwork, fishing lures, jewelry, and much more. The *Arts & Crafts Show* will be in addition to the many *Maple Syrup* themed events happening throughout the fest. For more information on the 11th annual Phelps *Maple Syrup Fest* or for a vendor application, visit www.phelpswi.us/event/maple-syrup-fest or call the Phelps Chamber of Commerce at 715-545-3800.

From the PASTOR'S WINDOW • by Pastor Frank Puffer, Jr.



Frank Puffer, Jr. is the pastor of The Land O' Lakes Bible Church. He is a graduate of Contenders Discipleship Initiative (CDI).

Driven

"The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him." -Mark 1:12-13

Mark does not describe the three separate acts of temptation by the devil, which are shared in Matthew and in Luke's accounts (Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13). He emphasizes other things. First, he writes that Jesus is immediately driven out into the wilderness. Driven is a stronger term than simply being led. Driven implies that the one who is sending one out is doing so urgently or with haste, as if every moment matters. However, in Jesus' case, he is driven without violence. He was willing to go. Jesus is being drawn out without hesitation of any kind, rather than pushed into the wilderness. The purpose is for Him to be tempted. At this point, let's understand that Jesus' temptation here is the divine plan and purpose of God. It was not the brainchild of the devil. It wasn't that He contrived a way to get Jesus alone and thwart God's eternal plans. Neither was this a time for the Father to find out whether Jesus would pass the test, rather, this event (not exclusively,

there are others) was to prove that He was the eternal Son of God come in flesh. Jesus went into the wilderness under the guidance of the Holy Spirit...the devil came to him. Who is in control here really? Some folks believe that the enemy drove Christ into a corner and tempted Him. But, the facts show otherwise. God's perfect man with holy purpose – led by the Spirit, or as Mark expresses it, driven by the Spirit (drawn out and not by compulsion) – passes down into the wilderness and compels the adversary to stand out clear from all secondary causes and to enter into direct combat.

He did this to withstand temptation in flesh and blood. Why was Jesus driven forth to be tempted? Because, He was a man in every way. Let's understand that Jesus was sent out into those desolate parts to withstand what we fallen mortals can not, that is, resist the allurements of sin. Fact is, we are too willing to give ourselves to sin with little if no resistance. To be tempted, enticed, to prefer other things than God is as inevitable to all mankind. It is as certain as taxes and death. And, the way Jesus is a victor over that which mankind suffers under is to be made just like man and withstand temptation to sin as we are. The only way we will have victory over temptation to do evil is that one like us be tempted and overcome as we are; Jesus withstood the savvy lines of the serpent and trust in the eternal word of his Father.

Which brings us to this... in His obedience, Jesus demonstrates that He and His Father's will are in unison. He loves to do what is right in all ways. Jesus' resistance to temptation declares that God is good and greatly to be praised. In the throes of hunger and weakness as a man, Jesus naturally submits to the Word of God over all earthly power. If He was so tempted and triumphant, we too can have confidence when tempted, not in our own power, but the power of the resurrected Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The cross is where Jesus destroys the power of sin over His people. It is through the triumph of the cross that he delivers us from the guilt of sin and provides the power of the Holy Spirit to resist in triumph.

I leave you with this, *"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."* (Hebrews 4:15) *For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."* -Hebrews 2:16-18

The Lord be with you, Pastor Frank Puffer. You may contact Pastor Frank at 715-547-3183 or Pastorpuffer@gmail.com.

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Open Cast Call for Theatre Troupe

The Border Troubadours theatre troupe based in Vilas County welcomes new cast members to join their local volunteer theatre troupe for the upcoming spring performance and other shows planned in the 2022 season.

The March 2022 performance titled, *Dating Fiasco: Sweet Revenge*, written by Cindy Pesek is a humorous story about a friendship, online dating exploration, ultimate success, or not? Weekly rehearsals begin in February until the performance date, scheduled for the week of March 27th. Rehearsal and performance dates will be finalized according to cast availability. "With Cindy's direction and the support of other cast members, the troupe has elevated into entertaining virtuoso thespians," says Pat MacIntosh, cast member. Cast member John Oliver adds, "The productions give our lives opportunity, enrichment, and fellowship."

Other planned 2022 shows include *College Donations: A Life of Their Own* written by Cindy Pesek and Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* abridged version by Dr. Carolyn Harper. To learn more, contact Cindy Pesek, Director of Border Troubadours, at 906-366-0054 or email pesekspace@aol.com. Border Troubadours is a volunteer-based theatre troupe that celebrates the arts, connects people, and supports the community by offering free access to local theatrical productions.

Photo by North Kite Marketing



Border Troubadours performance of *Marie and Sal: A Retrospective* in November 2021 at Three Lakes Center for Arts.

THE TIPSYP HOUSEWIFE • Cuban Lunch Candy

by Chef April Lee



April Lee is a Chef, Social Media Influencer, & Food Blogger from Chicago and part time in Watersmeet.

It's Valentine's Day! Now if you know me or have followed me, you may know that I am not much of a baker. I get so stressed out, and I just don't know how to organize myself in the kitchen when it comes to baking. Therefore, I hardly ever bake or make anything sweet. Recently, I was going through one of my vintage cookbooks, and I came across a recipe for something called *Cuban Lunch Candy*. I read the recipe, and it seemed really easy... almost too easy. But, I was intrigued with this no-bake dessert and thought maybe this is something I can handle. So, I went to the store, bought the ingredients, and tried them. And, they were perfect! Here is the recipe:

Cuban Lunch Candy:

- 1.5 bags of semi sweet chocolate chips
- 1 bag of butterscotch chips
- Tablespoon of peanut butter

- 1.5 cups of crushed up wavy potato chips
 - 1.5 cups of peanuts, honey or dry roasted
- Melt the chocolate and butterscotch chips in a double boiler (a bowl set on top of a pot of simmering water, Google it) or carefully microwave them, stirring often until smooth. Add peanut butter, potato chips, and peanuts.

Place a couple tablespoons of the mixture into each cupcake liner, and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or until they are set.

The texture of these is perfect for all of you who love a crackle to your candy. The chips add that unique texture. They also satisfy the salty/sweet lover of treats. I did some research on why these were called *Cuban Lunch Candy* and found out that the name has nothing to do with being Cuban or from Cuba. It was a candy bar produced in Canada that I believe is no longer made.

This would be a great treat to



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make for Valentine's Day for a loved one, yourself, or a fun project to make with the kids. I am going to buy some heart-shaped molds, so that I can make them more festive. I hope you try this recipe and love it as much as I do. Happy Valentine's Day!

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The first ever *Moscow Mules Up North* will take place from 6:00pm-9:00pm on Saturday, March 12th, in Chef Renee's at Eagle River Inn & Resort. The event is hosted by the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce. "People love our *Old Fashioneds Up North* tasting competition in November," said Kim Emerson,

Eagle River Area Chamber executive director. "We see this as a great way to bookend our winter season, by showcasing another chamber member during a fun mixer." Bartenders from Eagle River area bars and restaurants will mix two different types of mules in this new mixed drink competition. The 3-hour event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment throughout the evening. Event patrons will sample drinks and vote on their favorite Moscow Mule with the winners being announced at 8:30pm.

The Moscow Mule is traditionally served in a copper cup. Participants will drink from sample cups and get to take home a souvenir copper mug commemorating the event.

Tickets can be purchased online now for only \$85 and will not be available at the door. Patrons must be at least 21 years old. For more information about *Moscow Mules Up North* or other Eagle River area winter activities and events, contact the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce at 800-359-6315 or go online to <https://eagleriver.org/>.

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NATURAL CONNECTIONS • Admiring Pileated Woodpeckers

by Emily Stone



Naturalist & Education Director Emily Stone holds Natural History & Geology Degrees from Northland College. Works & writes in Northern WI.

Conversation hummed around the office as museum staff chatted with an old friend. I couldn't stay focused, though. Movement outside the office window had caught my eye, and it was too good to ignore. "Hey!" I broke in. "There's a pileated woodpecker outside the office window!"

These big, red-capped woodpeckers aren't uncommon in the Northwoods, but it did seem a little special to have one right outside. Conversation paused and we all turned to look.

With a body length of up to 19" and a wingspan up to 30", pileateds are the largest woodpeckers in the United States. Which is why it was a little odd that this guy was dangling almost upside down from some rather spindly boxelder twigs in a posture more suited to a chickadee. Sure, they only weigh 11 ounces, but that's still 22x what a chickadee weighs. Twigs bent and bounced as his big bill nibbled at something.

While the conversation began again, I kept watching. I could

identify the woodpecker as male because in addition to his red crest, his mustache (scientists call it a malar stripe) was also scarlet. On females, this cheek stripe is black. But what was he eating?

Typically, carpenter ants and their larvae constitute anywhere from 40%-97% of a pileated woodpecker's diet, with beetle larvae, fruits, nuts, seeds, and even poison ivy berries rounding out the rest. None of those foods seemed logical for his current location. Golden-crowned kinglets find enough tiny caterpillars frozen onto winter twigs to fuel their 0.19 oz metabolism. Ruffed grouse get their energy from eating tree buds, but have a gizzard to grind them up and special bacteria to break down the cellulose. Boxelder seeds are toxic to horses, but have been reported as an emergency food for red squirrels. "Hey, buddy," I wanted to shout, "What's for lunch?"

Most of the time, we see pileated woodpeckers on big, dead trees. First, they listen for the sounds of insects moving and chewing, then they use their chisel-like beak to excavate rectangular holes, or sometimes just shred an area of punky wood. Then, they extend their barbed tongue into the hole, use it to grab a 6-legged morsel, and retract it into their mouth.

With how noisy a woodpeck-

er's drumming can be, I'm a little surprised that they are still able to hear such quiet sounds. I suppose there are a couple reasons for this. First, their loudest drumming is reserved for communication. When you hear their resonant tapping echoing through the forest, that's a message to other pileateds that a pair is defending a territory. While pileated woodpeckers defend the same territory all year, they are less vocal about it in the winter. Feeding happens every day, of course, but feeding is usually much quieter and sounds like dull thuds—if you're even close enough to hear it.

Second, woodpeckers don't just use their tongues to extract prey; tongues also protect their brain by wrapping around the back of the skull. A Y-shaped bone called a hyoid apparatus helps support the tongue and helps it extend—and also acts like a seatbelt for the brain. Even the structure of their beak is important. The upper half of a woodpecker's beak is longer, but the bone inside extends farther into the lower beak. The lower beak ends up taking more of the impact and transferring force to the body instead of the noggin.

In addition, woodpeckers have less space and fluid between their brain and their skull. While this may seem counterintuitive, it

helps reduce movement of the brain during pecking—the same type of movement that gives humans a concussion in a fender bender. All of these adaptations help protect the woodpecker's brain and hearing while they pound on trees.

It's easy to find evidence of pileated woodpeckers feeding this time of year. Piles of wood chips accumulate under trees where pileateds are active, and even their past exploits are more visible without leaves in the understory. Weathered snags perforated by woodpecker feeding holes are always fun to see. They illustrate well the meaning of the woodpecker's genus name *Drycopus*, which comes from the Greek for "tree cleaver."

So, whether you spot a pileated dangling awkwardly from twigs or pounding away at a trunk, I hope you pause your



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Male pileated woodpeckers, like this one, have both a red crest and a red mustache.

conversation, take a moment, and admire them.

You can discover much more about Emily Stone and her point of view through *Natural Connections* online at cablemuseumnaturalconnections.blogspot.com. For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and cablemuseum.org to keep track of our latest adventures in learning.

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LOLA Arts is looking for art vendors for the annual *Art Harvest* festival, happening September 24th from 10:00am-3:00pm in the Land O' Lakes VFW grounds. *Art Harvest* is a celebration of autumn and a showcase for artists who love to share and educate. Located near the Community Garden, visitors will be able to tour the garden, enjoy live music, purchase harvest food items, and of course, learn about and purchase artworks by vendors. We are looking for artists to sell their work, promote themselves, demonstrate a little if you can, and have fun! A tent and a few tables are all you really need. The grounds are grassy, with easy unloading and parking. The \$25 vendor fee will help cover the cost of advertising on LOLA's website, social media, press releases, newsletters, and paid ads for *Art Harvest*. To apply, please email lolaartswi.com@gmail.com with a brief description of your art by March 1st.



Sno-Buddies Cook-Off Winners

The Conover Sno-Buddies recently held their annual *Chili & Soup Cook-Off*. The event is a long standing tradition for the club. Proceeds from the event benefit the Conover snowmobile trail system. Wild Turkey was the host location for the 2022 event. Local chefs submitted entries in three categories. The public was welcome to make a donation and try as many of each category as they wished. Winners were decided by popular votes submitted by the tasters.

First place in the **Amateur Chef-Chili** category went to Lori Moser for her recipe titled, *Aunt Dorothy's Chili*. Lori shared memories of making this recipe while working at her aunt's A & W restaurant in her younger years. Beth Millin won the top spot in the **Amateur Chef-Soup** category for her *Baby*

Clam Chowder recipe.

Also competing were the area restaurant chefs in a category of their own for **Best Overall Soup/Chili**. Greenhill's Log Cabin took the honors with their *Beer Brat Soup* recipe.

Along with bragging rights, each of the winners received an engraved cutting board trophy. Club volunteers were on hand to sell 50/50 raffle tickets and commemorative 50th Anniversary T-shirts. Conover SnoBuddies welcomes new members to join the club. For more information, visit their website at conoversnobuddies.com.



Photo provided by Sno-Buddies

Winners (L-R): Beth Millin, Lori Moser, Melisa Whitehead (representing Greenhill's Log Cabin), and Randy Remblake (Sno-Buddies Club President).

Museum Requests Land O' Lakes Airport Information

The Land O' Lakes Historical Society is beginning a busy 2022, as members plan new displays for the third year of the Gateway Lodge story. Among

the additional exhibits will be a section on the King's Gateway Airport, now known as the Land O' Lakes Airport. Anyone having information, objects, or

stories about the airport is invited to contact either President Chris Tews at 715-547-6898 or Archives Director Lois Bates at lolhs6979@gmail.com.

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by Karol Wilson

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LOLA Awarred Youth Art Grant

During the month of March, schools across the country participate in *Youth Art Month*, displaying and celebrating the creativity and beauty of students' artwork. For many years, LOLA Arts has collaborated with Northland Pines Schools, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR Charter, to display students' artwork in the LOLA building gallery. LOLA artists volunteer to frame and hang the artwork from over 100 students and celebrate at the end of the exhibit with a reception. LOLA Arts purchases and gifts the frames to all students to take home.

LOLA Arts is excited to announce it is also starting a collaboration with the Watersmeet K-12 School, who has a full time art teacher for the first time in many years. With a very low art budget, they are excited for this opportunity to get their students' artwork framed and displayed. Approximately 150 students of Watersmeet will also receive the gifted frame.

With the addition of the Watersmeet School District, LOLA's *Youth Art Month* budget has more than doubled. They are grateful for the grant from the Northern Arts Council to maintain this wonderful youth art experience tradition. The funds directly impact about 250 students, also bringing additional family and community members to view the free art show. To find out more about the Northern Arts Council, please visit their website at www.nacwi.org.

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