THE CRANBERRY **COUNTRY CRIER**

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Eagle River, W.



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(715) 479-6400 ~ 1-(800) 359-6315 www.eagleriver.org

Join us in the Food Tent October 7th & 8th FOOD TENT MENU Please be ready with your order.

Sandwiches Hot dog Bratwurst Hamburger Cranberry bratwurst Shredded cranberry pork sandwich Cranberry meatball sandwich Shredded cranberry chicken sandwich Drinks Soft drinks Hot chocolate Hot spiced cranapple drink Cold cranberry cocktail drink Coffee (regular or decaf) Bottled water

ALSO Chicken Wild Rice Soup • Chili • Potato Chips • Baked Beans

Now Serving Breakfast! Pancake Breakfast, 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Regular or Cranberry Pancakes, Pork Sausage and a Drink

The following organization sponsors the Cranberry Fest Food Tent Greater Eagle River Tennis Association



AUXILIARY FOOD/SNACK BOOTHS CRANBERRY FEST 2023

LOCATED ON MAIN CRANBERRY FEST GROUNDS

FOOD SPACE 1

Taco Joe's Tacos, street tacos, burritos, veg-

gie burritos, nachos & cheese, nachos deluxe, chicken quesadillas, walking tacos, chicken taquitos, breakfast burritos, hash browns, eggs, hot ham & cheese sandwich, texas chili w/fritos, turkey bacon wraps, soda, water, & tea

FOOD SPACES 2, 3

J.P.N.'s Concessions

Bison & elk burgers, smoked brisket w/slaw, prime rib or cuban sandwich, italian beef & italian bombers, sloppy joes, smoked kielbasa, italian sausage, fresh cut fries, cheese fries, sloppy fries, df perogies, df potstickers, mini egg rolls, df pretzels, funnel fries, lemon shake ups, slushies, cotton candy, coffee/ hot cocoa, water, soda, ice tea, rootbeer float, frozen banana & frozen cheesecake

FOOD SPACES 4, 5 & 6 All Star Catering Cheese curds corn dogs fries

Cheese curds, corn dogs, fries, chicken tenders, mini donuts, gyro, chicken pita, pulled pork, lemonade, soda, & water

FOOD SPACES 7,8 Bortolotti's CinCin

Hawaiian ham sandwich, chicken ranch blt, lemongrass veggie wrap, jalapeno & cranberry turkey wrap, jambalaya add shrimp, italian meatballs, tribute jalapeno beer cheese with bavarian pretzel, pumpkin butternut squash soup, chips, baked apples w/whipped cream, coffee, water, cider, soda

FOOD SPACE 9

Grandpa Choo Choos

Kettle, caramel, and cheese popcorn and mixes. Cranberry popcorn

FOOD SPACE 10 Scrima's

Wood-Fired Pizza Wood-fired pizza, by the slice or whole, bread sticks, soda, water, hot cider

FOOD SPACES 11, 12 Dublin's

Handmade mozzarella sticks, special appetizer, reuben sandwich, rachel sandwich, the dub club sandwich, onion tanglers, handmade jalapeno poppers, corned beef sandwich, cranberry turkey apple bacon sandwich, water and soda

BOOTH NUMBER X 1&2

Travelin' Nuts LLC Bavarian roasted nuts glazed in cinnamon, sugar, and vanilla roasted on the spot

NEAR TENNIS COURTS

Conover Area Fire Department Fresh cranberry cream puffs

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- Farm fresh produce
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- daily products
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- Trig's Smokehouse World's Best Brats, bacon and more!
- Cellar 70 Expansive liquor department
- Full-service Floral & Home department
- Caribou Coffee Shops in Minocqua and Eagle River



EAGLE RIVER, MINOCQUA, RHINELANDER, TOMAHAWK AND MANITOWISH WATERS

Welcome to Eagle River's **43rd Annual Cranberry Fest!**

he 43rd annual Cranberry Fest, an Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center-sponsored event, will be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8.

This year's festival will again be located at the Vilas County Fairgrounds on Highway 70 W., with additional activities downtown on Saturday only.

Cranberry Fest has something for everyone — an arts and crafts show with more than 250 booths, cranberry food sales, a bakery, family fun, entertainment, sweatshirt and T-shirt sales, and more.

With more than 40,000 people attending the festival annually, it is one of the highlights of the fall.

Downtown activities will include an open-air antiques market, farmers market, food and entertainment.

While you're at the fairgrounds, check out the food tent. You'll find soups, charbroiled sand-



Arts, crafts and food vendors are located around the grounds at Cranberry Fest.

baked goods, cranberry beer and cranberry wine.

How about fresh cranberries? More than 8,000 pounds of local premi-



The annual event celebrates Wisconsin's famous little red berry, the cranberry. -NEWS-REVIEW PHOTOS

um-select fresh cranberries will be sold during this annual event.

Cranberry Fest is made possible by many volunteers who help organize, set up, clean up and everything in between for this festival.

The chamber would like to thank everyone for all of their time and efforts, and would like to welcome one and all to

Please ... No pets!

Fest organizers remind visitors that pets and animals are not allowed at Vilas County Fairgrounds, according to Parks and Recreation Chapter Ordinance 19.08 Animals.

"This ordinance will be enforced by event organizers and area law enforcement. You will be asked to leave the grounds immediately and could be fined, so please leave your animals at home," said a fest

experience the excitement of this year's Cranberry Fest and the beautiful scenery and shops of Eagle River.

Cranberry Fest is traditionally held on the first full weekend in October. Mark your calendar for the Oct. 5 and 6, 2024, festival.

We hope to see you soon during an Eagle River visit!

spokesperson.

In addition to any vendor, exhibitor and food concessionaire areas located at Vilas County Fairgrounds, pets are not allowed at Riverside Park or Eagle River tennis courts.

"In areas where permitted, pets shall be kept on a leash no more than 8 feet long. All pets shall be effectively restrained or under the owner's control at all times," the spokesperson said.



Friday, Saturday & Sunday Oct. 6, 7 & 8, 2023 **MAIN EVENTS**

FRIDAY, Oct. 6

Cranberry Marsh Tours, Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. to noon

SATURDAY, Oct. 7

- Fresh, Premium Cranberry and Craisins[®] Sales, Fairgrounds, Downtown Eagle River and Eagle **River Area Chamber of Commerce**
- Pancake Breakfast, Fairgrounds, 7 to 10 a.m.
- Open Air Market, Downtown Eagle River, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Cranberry Marsh Tours, Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts Fair, Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Bake Sale, Cranberry Fest Headquarters Tent, Next to Fresh Cranberries at Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Family Entertainment by Bill Stevens Entertainment, Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, Oct. 8

- Pancake Breakfast, Fairgrounds, 7 to 10 a.m.
- Bake Sale, Cranberry Fest Headquarters Tent Next to Fresh Cranberries at Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.
- Fresh, Premium Cranberry and Craisins[®] Sales, Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts, Fairgrounds, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Cranberry Marsh Tours, Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Beyond the Cranberry Fest grounds, other items and products are available in downtown Eagle River starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, including an antique sale, farmers market and fresh cranberry sales. -NEWS-REVIEW PHOTO

Activities planned downtown Saturday

hile there will be a lot of activity at the Vilas County Fairgrounds during Cranberry Fest, there also will be plenty of attractions in downtown Eagle River.

The festivities will include a farmers market, an antiques show and a food stand — all within just a few feet of dozens of unique shops in downtown Eagle River. Featured food will include many delicious cranberry-flavored products.

For the convenience of festivalgoers, the first three blocks of Wall Street will be closed to traffic for the antiques show and farmers market Saturday.

In addition, a bus shuttle will provide transportation between the fairgrounds and downtown.

"People visiting the area are encouraged to extend their stay at Cranberry Fest in downtown Eagle River," said Kim Emerson, executive director of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.

Antiques show

A favorite annual attraction of Cranberry Fest is

scheduled to return this year, with the open-air antiques market Saturday, Oct. 7.

The Eagle River Chamber of Commerce will host the event. The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first three blocks of Wall Street.

A variety of antiques and collectibles will be available for sale, including glass-

Free bus shuttle offered at festival

Bus shuttle service will be available to transfer people to all the activities during Cranberry Fest. The shuttle will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7.

The shuttle will pick up interested individuals at the east gate of the fairgrounds near the tennis courts.

Buses will run approximately every half-

sporting goods and more.

ware, jewelry, furniture,

Fresh fall produce will

be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in downtown Eagle River. A variety of fresh produce will be for sale on Wall Street. Fresh cranberries and Craisins[®] can be purchased downtown.

hour Saturday, with stops at Olson Memo-

Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

There will be one bus stop downtown

Saturday for the antiques show and farm-

ers market at BMO Harris Bank at the cor-

ner of First and Wall streets.

rial Library, First Congregational United

Church of Christ and Eagle River Area

for marsh tours.

Farmers market

talking about how many volunteers it takes to carry out Cranberry Fest," said Emerson. She noted many volunteers come back year after year because they enjoy the event so much.

"We are fortunate many of the volunteers return year after year, working in the same areas, while some choose to try something new. Plus, these people, along with friends and family, are always willing to help out in a pinch," she said.

Emerson said a frequent comment heard from all the new volunteers is, "I never knew how much fun it could be to help. I'll be back next year."



More than 400

The Eagle River area is known for its Chain of Lakes and its chain of events throughout the

Cranberry Fest the first

full weekend in October is one of the biggest links in that chain, thanks to hun-

dreds of volunteers who help make it all possible.

Volunteers are the key

to every community event

in the area and Cranberry Fest is no different.

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Volunteers are the backbone of community events such as Cranberry Fest.

Comments heard about the volunteers from visitors are equally positive.

"Cranberry Fest has happy volunteers. Everyone is so helpful, that's why we like to come to Eagle River," said a festival veteran.

Out-of-town visitors also ask how the chamber can accomplish its many large events.

"How can Eagle River organize so many great events? How do you get all those volunteers? We could never do that. Do you know how lucky you are?"

Emerson responds with, "We are very fortunate to have these people and we greatly appreciate all that they continue to do for the events of Eagle River, especially Cranberry Fest."

Cranberry Fest is an all-volunteer, communitywide event. Volunteers range in age from 9 to 90, and come from all over the area. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

Festival volunteers are treated to coffee and lunch in a heated tent designated just for them during the weekend.

New volunteers are always welcome and the hours are flexible. If you are interested in volunteering at any of the Eagle River area events, call the chamber at 715-479-6400.



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Cranberries are big business in the state and in the North Woods, and people can take part in tours of local marshes to see how the little red berry makes its way from the bog to the table. Tours take place Thursday through Sunday. —Contributed Photo

Visitors, area residents invited to tour working cranberry marsh

agle River Cranberry Fest continues to be a special event for North Woods residents and visitors with many activities for all, including the opportunity to visit and tour a working cranberry marsh.

Tours of area marshes have been taking place for more than three decades, resulting in visitors gaining insight and knowledge about the importance of cranberries to Wisconsin.

Visitors to the fest can take a guided tour of one of the largest cranberry marshes in the area — Lake Nokomis Cranberries — located right here in Eagle River.

Tour attendees will visit a marsh that has called Eagle River home for more than 75 years, learn the history of the cranberry marsh and how it has been developed into a 334-acre marsh throughout the years, see the layout of the cranberry marsh close-up

with a scenic drive on the marsh, and learn about harvest equipment.

Tour guides will explain the hard work that needs to be done at the marsh spring, summer, fall and winter. Visitors will learn why Wisconsin is No. 1 in cranberry production, plus they'll find out all of the

health benefits received from eating cranberries.

After the scenic tour of the marsh itself, the second stop of the tour will be at the Lake Nokomis Cranberries tasting area where they will be able to sample Lake Nokomis cranberry wine and other local wines. There also will be samples of cranberry barbecue sauce, chocolate-covered cranberries and yogurt-covered cranberries.

The last stop of the tour will be at the Lake Nokomis Cranberries Wine & Gift Shop, where visitors will find many cranberry-related items, including cranberry wines, lotions, soaps, candles, sauces, jams and those delicious sweetened, dried cranberries. Also available will be farm-fresh cranberries straight from the marsh.

To become a part of the two-hour cranberry marsh tour and wine tasting, people should make their reservations early. Tours are very popular and book up quickly. Tours run Thursday, Oct. 5, through Sunday, Oct. 8.

To reserve a spot on the tour, call the Eagle River chamber at 1-(800) 359-6315 or (715) 479-6400.

Premium select berries offered at three locations

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center will have premium select cranberries for sale at the 43rd anniversary celebration of Cranberry Fest Oct. 7-8.

Fest spectators can look for fresh cranberry sales located throughout the community at three locations — the Cranberry Fest grounds at Vilas County Fairgrounds, the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 201 N. Railroad St., and downtown Eagle River at the corner of Railroad and Wall streets.

Only the best berries will be sold, according to chamber Executive Director Kim Emerson.

"The berries are high-quality, premium select, because they follow the U.S. Department of Agriculture processing standards for fresh cranberries," she said. "The



fresh fruit is hand-sorted, clean, mature, firm and free from moisture, bruising and decay."

Each berry is approximately one-half inch in size and displays a fairly uniform red to deep purple color.

"Don't forget to take home fresh cranberries, and if you haven't tried Craisins®, be sure to get some of those too," she said.



Hours: Monday Friday 7:00-4:30 3800 Shangri La Rd. Eagle River 715-479-4679

CRANBERRY MARSH TOURS SCHEDULE

October 5-8

Bus leaves from Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, 201 N. Railroad St.

Thursday	11, 11:30 a.m.	
Friday	10, 10:30, 11, 11:30 a.m., noon	
Saturday	9 a.m 3 p.m. (every 30 minutes)	
Sunday	10 a.m 2 p.m. (every hour)	
Reservations appreciated.		

\$10/adult; \$5/ages 6-12; Ages 5 and under free if placed on lap

FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION, CALL 800-359-6315 or 715-479-6400

Arm Candy Leather bracelets for women

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and men in many different styles and

CRANBERRY FEST CRAFT EXHIBITORS

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Northwoods Basketry Handwoven baskets Barn 6 out of grasses, tree bark, and handmade brooms J 28 Cherishables Handwoven baskets. Candles

Wild Daisy Decor Unique wood vessel soy Barn 16 candles. Beckley's Best Blends Handmade (with **BB**1 love) soy candles. X 8 Wick Sister's Candle Co. Handcrafted concrete coconut-soy candles and handpoured coconut wax melts.

Clothing

B 2	Hugs by Mick Hand knitting wraps, shawls, scarfs, ponchos, hats, etc.
F 18	The Eco Purse Project One-of-a-kind, handmade upcycled clothing and accessories from reclaimed fibers.
G 8, 9	My Girlz Clothing Co. Custom-painted clothing, jackets, and purses.
J 27	YooperChook LLC Warm winter hat with built-in common sense.
M 5, 10	Elsheimer Fur Co. LLC/Wild Things Fur hats and accessories.
R 11	Alcar Designs Wildlife and fishing apparel, bags, and accessories.
Tents 17-19	Furhats/Beaverhoops LLC Warm fur gear, fur hats, earmuffs, headbands, mittens, gloves, and scarves.
Tents 21-24	Junction City Craft Co. Sewn and embellished women's clothing.
Tent 29	Enchanted Egg Embellished kid's clothing, flannel pants and upcycled shirts for kids and adults.
Tents 4, 5	HMB Designs Handcrafted jewelry and apparel.
Tents 42-44	DeerTshirts.com Original artwork of deer and fish screen-printed on camo accent shirts and jackets; embroidered wildlife caps.
X 4-6	Judy's Baby Booties Baby booties, bibs, ponchos, aprons, and blankets.
Y 11, 12	Oh How Cute Embroidered appliquéd infant, toddler, girl, and women's clothing.
Y 4, 5	Pro Designs of WI LLC Rhinestone apparel, laser engraved items, and canvas signs.
Ероху	
B 13	Resin Works Garden rabbits, steppingstones, silhouettes of bears, wolves, horses, moose, and various-sized mushrooms.

Fine Art

H 25, 26 Wennersten's Etchings Printmaking, dry point, aquatint etchings, hand-etched and printed.

Medieval Mapmaker Hand-drawn maps.

Tents 26-28 Mike's Antler Art Items such as lamps, wine racks, tables, cribbage boards, pens, and more made from real shed antlers.

Floral

B 9

C 7

F 14

R 19

- A 3 Mouse-Mix Handmade, all-natural potpourri-baked pest deterrents for home, cabin, camper, farm, lawn, and garden.
- Sandy's Arrangements Wildlife Barn 8 arrangements, seasonal florals in unique containers, on driftwood, or in birch bark canoes
- Tents 30, 31 Judi Kahle Fall floral décor for tables, walls, doors. etc.

Food Products

- A 11, 12 Fun Factory Sweet Shop Chocolate.
- Y 1, 2 Northwoods Cheese Co. Cranberry cheese, sausage, and cheese and sausage gift baskets.
- Old World Canning Company Award-B 19 winning Bloody Mary mix.
 - Naturista Monarch Cocktail infusion jars handcrafted from organic and local ingredients. To craft your infusion, add 12 oz. of your favorite alcohol.
- C 10 Schleif Sugar Bush Farm Maple syrup.
 - JD's Salsa Seasonings Dry seasonings used to make salsa and dips, dry Bloody Mary mix, and meat rubs.

D 1, 2 Mrocos Sex Olives.

- **Appleworks** A variety of flavored hot apple cider mixes including cinnamon, caramel, berry, peach, peppermint, cherry, and cranberry apple cider. Mixes dissolve instantly in hot water.
- H 14, 28 Starla's Handcrafted Seasonings, Dips and Mixes Seasonings, dips, and beer bread mixes
- 16 Chef Heatley's Hot Pepper Farm Chefcreated, artisan hot sauces.
- K 2, 3 Ultimate Confections Inc. Hand-dipped chocolates.
- L 7, 8 The Spice Market Dry dips and dessert mixes
- N 11, 12 La Campagne Bakery Cranberry cookies, apple crisp, cinnamon bread, sourdough, etc
- N 22 Black Pearl BBQ rubs and seasonings, prepackaged.
- N 23, 24 Knaus Cheese Inc. Cheese curds, summer sausage, beef jerky, sausage sticks, jams, mustards, block cheese, Bloody Mary mix, cheese spreads, pickles, and maple syrup.
- Tent 37 Carol Ann's Candies Handmade toffee, turtles, brittle, caramel apples, fudge, and buttercreams.
- Tents 6, 7 Grandma Nanyies Handmade dips.

- X 12, 13 Northwoods Maple Farm Maple syrup, maple cream, maple butter, maple candy, maple suckers, maple cotton candy, bourbon barrel-aged maple syrup, buttermilk pancake mix, seasonal specialty syrup flavors, etc.
- Y 3 Julie Christian Pure maple syrup, barrelaged maple syrup, and flavor-infused maple syrups.

Furniture

F 16

H 24

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L 11

P 11

T 17

Tent 16

enamels

sterling silver.

Furmu	re
К 6	Wallace Erickson Handcrafted cedar strip canoe hutches with handpainted wildlife scenes.
R 17	Rustic Dreams Repurposed lumber and furniture, cabinets, hutches, coffee and end tables, dining tables, storage chests, etc.
V 5, 6, 11, 12	Oak Outlet Lodge-themed furniture and lighting.
W 10-12	Made For You Furniture Wood furniture and inspirational signs.
Holiday	2
B 20, 21	S n S Crafts Holiday wreaths, clocks, and paintings.
Barn 14	Sharon's Ornaments Christmas ornaments and custom ornaments with stands and frames.
Т 19	KC Neck and Body Wraps Microwavable corn-filled heat pads, holiday decorations, and fine art.
T 7, 8	North Pole Crafting Co. Custom Christmas ornaments, gnomes, gnome wine toppers, and Christmas t-shirts.
Tents 40, 41	Mistletoe Memories Personalized air-dry clay/dough ornaments.
Tents 47, 48	Kims Prims & Whims Fabric Halloween and Christmas decor.
Z 11, 12	Winter Wonders Hand crocheted snowflakes, angels, and various Christmas decor.
Jewelry	7
B 5, 6	Very Wang Pearls Handcrafted pearls, larimar, opal, Swarovski crystal, and gemstone jewelry.

Arts E Nature Dichroic fused glass jewelry.

Monika's Creations Sterling silver jewelry,

fossils, semi-precious stones, and cloisonné

Bead IT! Creations Beaded bracelets,

Kathleen Zolper Free-form wire-wrap

Diane by Designs Handcrafted sterling

Design Your Lobes LLC Handmade spiral,

jewelry with stones and glass.

Geurts Gems Handmade jewelry.

silver, copper, and 14 KT GF jewelry.

leverback, ear pines/vines, cuffs, etc.

iewelrv Metal Barns 2.3 Dream Designs Metal art, barn quilts, wooden flags, and repurposed items. Treeghost LLC Metal signs. Barns 10, 11 F 6, 7 Bancroft Plasma & Metal Metal art stock

colors

Tent 20

Tent 36

pieces. J 23 **Northwoods Metal Art** P 12, 24 Wisco Metal Works We make yard art that is rusty or powder coated. We also make can cooler dispensers. Q 1-4, Z 8-10 Pauls Porch Pots Repurposed maple syrup buckets and plasma-cut art. T 23 Windswimmers Copper fish mobiles that swim in the wind. Tents 1-3 SWEN Products Laser-cut garden décor, weathervanes, wind spinners, scenic art, snow and rain gauges, and scoreboards. U 3-4 Thunder Valley Fabrication Steel plasma art: home, garden, garage, and man cave decor W 2-4 Blaine Riutta Chainsaw carvings and CNC art. Z 1-4 Steel Heart Ltd Garden, holiday, and home

décor crafted from metal.

Miscellaneous

B 1	Shari's Crafty Creations
B 10	Dahlia Decorify Handmade décor made with natural objects, including rocks, beach glass, seashells, and driftwood, then placed in high-quality frames.
B 11	Gather & Company Unique mental health resources for women.
B 12	Time Vault Treasures Repurposed vinyl record cuts.
B 14, 15	Nancy's Nitts & Notts Hand crocheted wearables & accessories.
Barns 12, 13	Trillium Designs Home decor such as decoupage, luminaries, fractal-burned wooden items, etc.
Barn 15	Wicked Wire Jewelry Fused glass jewelry holders, melted bottles, fused glass jewelry, semi-previous stone jewelry, etc.
Barns 4, 5	Britt's Leather Handcrafted leather belts, buckles, wallets, bags, keychains, bottle holders, etc.
Barn 9	Rugs from Yesterday Braided rugs, trivets, and coasters.
D 10	Frog Creative Studios Custom paint- by-number kits feature works of local artists and jigsaw puzzles, plus additional handmade items.

Linda's Crafts Wood crafts, skis, sleighs, ornaments, and seasonal crafts.

D 3	Kuester's Kreations Original-designed 4x6 signs mounted on recycled wood under	Music	
	glass.	W1	Vi
E 9, 10	Simply Irresistible Creations Recycled wool mittens, cashmere scarf and mitten		flu
	sets, decorated scarves, and jewelry.	Painting	g
F 15	Lighthouse Publications An original historical fiction book series about nine	C1	W
	children living in a light house in 1884. The series features original pen and ink illustrations.	N 10	Do
F 17	ZZ Ranch LLC Canned goods, honey, soaps, candles, body butters, and lip butters.	N 6	Je art mo
F 19	Artful Endeavors Bold and whimsical mixed media art pieces.	T 21, 22	Co
G 6	Something Fishy Hand-carved coconuts.	X7	0
H 11	The Art of Pens Distinctive hand-turned writing instruments and peppermills.	Y 13	ha Cr
H 6	Bug & Mini Co. Elderberry syrup, five ciders, DIY elderberry kits, raw honey, bath soak salts, herbal salves, and other items.		im flc
13	Needle and Leaf LLC Repurposed wine barrels, mason jars, and fishing items into light fixtures.	Photogr	_
J 11	Chris Bowe Blown glass, hematite, art, and polished gems.	J 9, 10	La ph
J 13, 14	Two Feathers Gourds Handcrafted gourds, birdfeeders, and beeswax candles.	P 20	W art Wi
J 24	Spinning Wheels Publishing Self- published author of children's picture books.	R 5	en Na Wa
L 13, 14	Heph Zi Bah Cranberry air freshener, soy candles, potpourri, wax melts, incense, soap, salsa, jams, dried treats, jelly beans, taffy, etc.	Pottery	
01-4	Sonnet's Garden Blooms Eclectic	F1	Je
014	handcrafted items: barn quilts, signs, soaps, candles, and more.	H 23	Th an
P 23	My Cota Standards Products made from Chaga mushrooms: extracts, lotions, salves, and lip balm.	R 9	Da ind mo
R 7	Charcuterie Boards by Soren Charcuterie boards and coasters.	Tent 10	La po
Т 20	Joseph Anne LLC Distressed flannels and crewnecks, holiday decor, and wooden home accents.	Sewn	
T 5, 6	Urban Crafty Farmer LLC Handmade wreaths, swag, table decor, lanterns, trees, gnomes, and bows. All shapes, themes,	B 16-18 	Et rin Ny
	and sizes.		wi
Tent 12	Grandma Hearts LLC Grandma Heart's children's book series, written by Grandma Dionne.	I 1, 6	Ho pri
Tent 15	Sassy Glassers Handcrafted stained and kiln-formed glass art, suncatchers, spinners, dishes, nightlights, garden decor,	M 2	BK cro fro wo
Tent 46	ornaments, and other novelty items. Jenifer LeClair Author Minnesotan author of seven award-winning mystery novels	P 9, 10, 21, 22	Ca de tre
	set on the coast of Maine.	R 8	Ca
X 14, 15	Junction City Garden Crafts Garden art, mosaic turtles, tire bird feeders, etc.	Tents 13, 14	Jo an
N 19, 20	Board In The Kitchen Solid-surface cutting boards (corian) come in a variety of colors, shapes, and sizes.	Tent 34	M: te

Music		Tent 35	The Doll Depot Tent sets for American
W 1	Vibhas Kendzia Musician on native world flutes. Original compositions on audio CDs.		Girl or Barbie dolls (which include folda tents, reversible sleeping bags, and beanbag chairs); ghosts, snowmen, and crocheted towels.
Paintin g	g Wood Art by Vel LLC Wildlife scenes on	Tents 8, 9	TLC Embroidery Boutique Soft minky blankets of all sizes and designs for all ages; minky scarves.
	wood.	Y 8	Pippa Tuesday Design Co. Handmade dolls, headbands, purses, hair bows, and
N 10	Dot On! Design Dotted vinyl records and unique home goods.		stuffed animals.
N 6	Jeff Renner Wildlife Art Framed wildlife art includes songbirds, sporting dogs, moose, loons, eagles, etc.	Soaps	
T 21, 22	Coming Up Roses Art Handpainted mirrors and wood framed in a rustic design.	A1	TT's Nothing But Natures Goodness LL Natural vegan-friendly soaps, lip balms, beard oils, shampoo soap, and charcoal
Х7	One Of A Kind Creation Oil paintings and handmade crafts.	F 11	facial soap. Nature Made Heaven Scent Soap LLC
Y 13	Creative Acrylics Yes LLC Chunky impressionistic landscapes, birch trees, and florals.		Handmade soaps, bug spray, laundry powder, butters, scrubs, dog shampoo, tooth soap, and more.
		H 22	Bare Naked Soap Company Handcrafter goat milk soaps and body care products.
Photog J 9, 10	raphy	12	Splash Soap Company Handmade soaps and skincare products.
P 20	photos.	J 26	Star Lake Soap LLC Handmade soap from the North Woods.
F 20	Whispering Point Photography Fine art and nature photography of Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. An emphasis on loon photos.	R 23	S & J Majestic Soaps Natural homemade soaps and essential oil roll-ons.
R 5	Natural Spaces Photography North Woods landscape photography.	Stained Glass F 4, 5 The Lighthouse Stained glass.	
Pottery		Textile	
F1	Jen Anderson Pottery Stoneware pottery.		
H 23	The Personal Touch Wheel-thrown pottery and clay sculptures.	Barn 1	Katiedids Quilted and sewn quilts from vintage fabric to modern.
R 9	Daniel Lloyd Art Handmade stoneware including bowls, mugs, vases, pitchers, and more.	Barn 7	Twenty Paws Knitting High-quality hand knit beanies, cowls, scarves, and mittens made from luxury soft and warm merino wool.
Tent 10	Land O' Libby Handmade slab-built pottery.	C 3	Quilted Crafts by Sue Colorful, contemporary quilted items such as quilt purses, table runners, cosmetic bags, and much more.
Sewn B 16-18	Etak 15 Hotmats, 3 G's, and towels with rings.	H 12	Laura Gillilan Gnome bottle toppers for wine bottles, made using old clothing (mostly felted wool sweaters).
H 27	Nyleen's Folk art for Halloween, fall, and winter.	H 5, 19	Chain One Design Crochet hats and scarves.
I 1, 6	Homespun Country Season handmade primitives and folkart.	К 9	Whittons Mittens Various-sized wool mittens lined with leece.
M 2	BKS Designs Upcycled bags, which include	S 1, 2, 4	Towel Lady Hanging towels & bag holder
	crossbow totes and shopping bags made from burlap, coffee bean bags, fabric, and	W 8, 9	Grandma's Handmade Rugs Hand-wove rag rugs.
P 9, 10, 21, 22	woven plastic. Carol's Creative Crafts Appliquéd home decor, placemats, table runners, window treatments, and appliance covers.	Y 14	Sjocase Hats Funky and functional polar fleece hats, scarves, legwarmers, and fingerless gloves.
R 8	Carol Bury Fabric gnomes and kitchen boas.	Weed	
Tents 13, 14	Jo-Mar Flowers Kitchen towels, hot pads, and holiday.	Woode B 3, 4	Veronica's Arts Barnwood and driftwood
Tent 34	Mystic Forest Quilts Quilts of all sizes and		art, music art, barb wire art, secret books journals, lamps, ornaments, charcuteries,

teddy bears.

nt 35	The Doll Depot Tent sets for American Girl or Barbie dolls (which include foldable	B 7, 8
	tents, reversible sleeping bags, and beanbag chairs); ghosts, snowmen, and crocheted towels.	E 2
nts 8, 9	TLC Embroidery Boutique Soft minky blankets of all sizes and designs for all ages; minky scarves.	F 12, 13
3	Pippa Tuesday Design Co. Handmade dolls, headbands, purses, hair bows, and stuffed animals.	G 3
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oaps	TT's Nothing But Natures Goodness LLC Natural vegan-friendly soaps, lip balms, beard oils, shampoo soap, and charcoal facial soap.	110
1	Nature Made Heaven Scent Soap LLC Handmade soaps, bug spray, laundry powder, butters, scrubs, dog shampoo,	J 21
	tooth soap, and more.	
22	Bare Naked Soap Company Handcrafted goat milk soaps and body care products.	
	Splash Soap Company Handmade soaps and skincare products.	
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E 2	Just Craftin' 100% handcrafted wood items for indoor and outdoor decor.
F 12, 13	Buy Me That Handcrafted seasonal décor, wood snowflakes, flowers, gnomes, trees, etc.
G 3	James Baumgart Wooden items such as cribbage boards, sports plaques, wooden games, and Christmas signs.
Η7	Round Barn Woodcrafts Functional artistry in wood.
I 10	Nate Freberg Woodshop Minimalist and mid-century-inspired home furnishings and home goods, lovingly handcrafted in Stevens Point.
J 21	Old Baldy Charcuterie Boards & More Handcrafted charcuterie boards, benches, mantels, sign boards, and more.
L 25	Fortney's Personalized Crafts Routed signs, wooden perpetual calendars, personalized gifts, and kids crafts.
L 28	Sagekraft Designs High end grade cutting boards, cheese slivers, and charcuterie boards. Handmade chess/checker sets and cribbage boards.
L 5, 6, 19, 20	Gottwalt Crafts Decorative, seasonal wood products.
M 1	The Last Measure Traditional, authentic handcrafted furnishings and outdoor/home décor.
M 6	C Squared Wood Products Wood cutting boards, cribbage boards, charcuterie boards bowls, wine glass holders, beer flights, and more.
N 21	Blunt Custom Creations All types of wood into beautiful and practical pieces to compliment your home.
P 5, 6	NAP Creations Handmade wood signs and customized drinkware, including ceramic campfire mugs and glass tumblers. Handcrafted seasonal decor such as felt garland, tier tray decor sets, Yardzees, and wooden sleds.
R 12, 24	CFishers Art Wood carving and painted wood decor, indoor and outdoor.
T 9, 10	Hower Toys/Ooh Its Soy Good Handmade wooden toys, soy candles, and sock monkey items.
Tent 11	Jim's Cribbage Boards Cribbage boards, chess boards, cribbage tables, etc.
Tent 25	°Dr Box Wooden beverage carriers, picture holders, and signs.
Tents 32, 33	Diamond Willow Dreams Diamond willow and chainsaw-carved fire pokers with carious wood, antler, beer tap handles, and grilling accessories.
Tents 38, 39	Perfectly Imperfect 4 You Wood signs and decor, all shapes and sizes. Wavy wood flags, double-sided porch boards.
Tent 45	4 Monkeys Woodworking One-of-a kind wood crafts.
Y 6, 7	Apple Hills Wood Co. Laser-designed home decor on handcrafted frames, wooden shelves, earrings, and wooden wall quilts.

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Library friends to hold book sale Oct. 5-7 during **Cranberry Fest**

The Walter Olson Library Friends (WOLF) will hold a book sale Thursday, Oct. 5 through Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library as a

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part of Cranberry Fest celebrations.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Proceeds from the sale go toward programs and services for the library community.

The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is located at 203 N. Main Street and is a stop on the free Cranberry Fest shuttle bus route on Saturday during Cranberry Fest.



Cranberry Fest draws large crowds each year, with an estimated 40,000 people coming to the North Woods. - NEWS-REVIEW PHOTO



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Weavers, fiber artist groups to host exhibit and sale on Saturday, Oct. 7

variety of fiber artists will be at the one-day Lake Country Weavers and Fiber Artists Guild exhibit and sale during Cranberry Fest in Eagle River.

Hosted by guild members, the exhibit will be held Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ.

The church is located at 105 N. First Street (corner of First and Division streets) in downtown Eagle River. Admission to both the exhibit and sale is free.

shuttle bus from the fairgrounds will stop in front of the church at regular intervals on Saturday.

dered how wool from a



sheep in the meadow turns into a warm scarf or sweater, this is the place to be," said weaver Mary Jackl. "You will see members spinning fiber into yarn using a traditional spinning wheel or an electric spinning wheel. You might even be there when the beads are plied into the finished varn."

because the typical weavand difficult to move, one member will be demonstrating band weaving and tapestry weaving on small-

"Another member is a prolific knitter and seamstress. She will have on hand many of her items including mittens, hats, socks, bibs and blankets,"

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she added. "And a fiber show would not be complete without a knitting demonstration. A number of our members are accomplished knitters. If you have a question, they can offer their assistance."

The church will be filled with a variety of items for sale that were made by the guild members. The pews will be covered with hand woven rugs and table runners. Interspersed among the rugs will be hand-knit wool/mohair mittens, knit and then felted wool clogs and hats, hand-knit acrylic mittens, handspun yarns and many small novelty items that are a must-see.

The Lake Country Weavers and Fiber Artists Guild helps support weavers, knitters, crocheters, rug hookers, spinners and other fiber artists in the North Woods.

To further education and camaraderie, monthly meetings are held. A wide geographical area is covered from Land O' Lakes to Rhinelander, Manitowish Waters to Phelps.

For more information on guild activities, call Mary Jackl at 715-545-2897.

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trumpet along with her on

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Along with my guitar

and foot percussion we've

wide variety of music, with

too-soft style of music with

Then came the bakery

tent! We have a corner to

play in, picnic tables all

around, a heater when it

does get cold, along with all those cranberry pas-

So please come see us.

Rest a bit, find something

to eat, and let us delight

you with a song or two.

Bill and Bonnie

Stevens will entertain

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Her vocals, saxophone

Performing at Cranberry Fest has changed, but the love of music remains the same

BY BILL STEVENS SPECIAL TO THE CRIER

remember the "early" years of Cranberry Fest when I was first hired. It was years ago and I remember having a full head of hair!

Back then I had a nursing home bus that got eight miles to the gallon, and 30 miles to a quart of oil.

The bus was handy as it had a wheelchair lift in the back that made unloading the band equipment a breeze. Two garden carts of equipment, two 10- by 20-foot tents set up to the side of the bus was our stage.

In those days I had help from Dean and Nadene. Dean was the percussionist and Nadene played bass.

Lots of long distance traveling back then. Nadene has since

passed away and when Dean isn't traveling, he plays with a few local bands. And yes, Dean is still the life of the party!

All went well that weekend except for the winter



Talented musicians Bill and Bonnie Stevens will return to the giant bakery tent at Cranberry Fest at the Vilas County Fairgrounds in Eagle River Oct. 7 and 8, performing a variety of knee-slapping songs both days. —NEWS-REVIEW PHOTO

storms. People crowded into our little tent to get away from the howling wind and blowing snow. But we all had a great

Parking assistance will

again be provided by the

Eagle River Lions Club at

a cost of \$10 per car. Club

members will be able to

answer directional ques-

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Proceeds from the

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time and forgot about the weather.

In 2013, I married Bonnie, whose love is unconditional. We have played music together now for 15 years, and many evenings

Food tent to include pancake breakfast

The main food tent at Cranberry Fest is managed by the Greater Eagle River Tennis Association (GERTA).

In addition to soup, sandwiches, and hot and cold drinks for lunch, a pancake breakfast will be served Saturday and Sunday mornings, Oct. 7-8, by the tennis group.

The pancake breakfast has been popular for vendors staying on the grounds as well as early morning festivalgoers.

Hungry customers will enjoy their choice of regular or cranberry pancakes, pork sausage and a drink. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10 a.m. both

mornings. Lunch will be served after 10 a.m.

Badger State expected to provide 60% of nation's cranberry crop

International demand growing

Wisconsin's cranberry growers are expecting a 4.97 million barrel crop in 2023, based on U.S. Cranberry Marketing Committee (CMC) crop projections.

If the projections stay on course, Wisconsin will remain the largest cranberry producer in the world, growing and harvesting approximately 60% of the nation's supply.

The CMC forecast, based on grower surveys, marks the 29th year that Wisconsin has led the nation in cranberry production.

The other largest cranberry growing states and their 2023 crop size projections are: Massachusetts at 1.95 million barrels; New Jersey at 561,000 barrels, Oregon at 520,000 barrels and Washington at 168,000.

In total, the U.S. crop is expected to be 8.17 million barrels, according to the CMC. Wisconsin's final 2022 crop came in at 4.84 million barrels.

"Wisconsin is a global leader in cranberry production, generating \$1 billion in state economic impact and providing thousands of local jobs across the Wisconsin, and we are proud to continue that tradition in 2023," said Tom Lochner, executive director of the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association. "Our 250plus multigenerational family farmers are hard at work preparing for harvest season, and will soon have another crop of cranberries ready for tables across the U.S. and around the world."

The U.S. cranberry industry has worked hard in recent decades to increase consumption of cranberries outside of the U.S. and grow international demand.

According to the CMC, from Sept. 1, 2021 to Aug. 31, 2022, 53% of production volume was exported. Earlier this summer, CMC announced that exports to Columbia had increased 80% from 2017-'18 to 2021-'22. Other top international cranberry markets include the United Kingdom, European Union, China, Mexico and South Korea.

Wisconsin cranberries are grown on 21,000 acres across 20 counties in central and northern regions of the state. Approximately 5% of this year's crop will be sold as fresh fruit, and the remaining cranberries will be frozen and stored for longer-term sales as frozen berries, dried cranberries, juices, sauces and more.

Wisconsin's cranberry harvest typically begins in late September and runs until mid-October.

WSCGA was founded in 1887 and is committed to developing and implementing programs that will assist growers in doing a better job of growing cranberries and strengthening the public support for the industry in Wisconsin. For more information, visit wiscran.org.

Festival grounds parking to see changes in 2023 The task of getting an fairgrounds.

The task of getting an estimated 40,000 people to and from the Vilas County Fairgrounds for Cranberry Fest is a huge undertaking and will see some changes to operation this year.

All festival grounds parking for the 2023 event will only be able to enter from Highway 70 on to South Forrest Street, which will be a one-way street.

Drivers are asked to pay attention to signage and ask volunteers who will be on hand to direct traffic where they should exit the

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