

OUTDOORS

Project Appleseed in Spooner Oct. 13-14

Project Appleseed is offering a Rifle Marksmanship and American Heritage Clinic Oct. 13-14 at Indianhead Rifle and Pistol Club in Spooner.

Project Appleseed is the sole activity of The Revolutionary War Veterans Association, an all-volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to teaching every American our heritage, history and traditional rifle marksmanship skills.

This is a family friendly event. Registration begins at 8 a.m. both days and clinics run 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fees are \$80 for men (\$70 if preregistered), \$10 for women and \$5 for youth under age 21. There is no charge for active military, law enforcement officers and elected officials.

For more information, visit www.appleseed-info.org, or contact Mike Palucci at (715) 466-5145 or WI@appleseedinfo.org.

Wisconsin buck falls short of world record

A Mount Horeb, Wis. hunter's big whitetail buck has fallen short of the World Record, according to the Boone and Crockett Club.

To make the final determination, B&C called a special panel of two, two-man teams of senior official measurers who had never seen or scored the rack. The teams independently scored the buck, resolved any differences, and finalized a score.

Officials scored the

For more information, visit www.boone-crockett.org.

FROM THE DNR Youth Deer Hunt

Oct. 6-7

The Youth Deer Hunt this weekend, Oct. 6-7, offers youth hunters 10-15 years of age an opportunity to hunt deer and gain valuable hunting experience when other hunters are not hunting deer with firearms.

Youth hunters do not have to have a hunter safety certificate, but are subject to restrictions depending on their age. This hunt is open to both resident and non-resident youth hunters.

For more information, visit the DNR website and search Youth Deer Hunt.

Burning permit restrictions based on fire risk

Wildfire control officials will implement a three-year pilot program through Dec. 31, 2014, allowing fire managers to set burning permit restrictions based on fire risk.

The program will provide fire managers the option to allow burning on Sundays, legal holidays, and daytime burning from 11 a.m. to midnight, when conditions are safe.

Used appropriately, burning permits are an important tool in wildfire prevention. Fire managers issue burning permits for the burning of legal materials such as leaves, brush, pine needles and unrecyclable paper or wood.

Forest, leaf colors are popping and wildlife-viewing opportunities are excellent. Bucks are preparing for rut, numerous turkey broods are along roadsides, Canada geese are gathering for their trip south, large groups of songbirds and woodcock are passing through, and Brule River anglers are catching mixed bags of fish.

In Bayfield County, Lake Superior anglers are targeting coho and brown trout around the mouths of tributary streams. Ticks are out — make sure to check yourself and your dogs after outdoor trips.

Tussock State Trail is in good condition. A new bridge is in place and the trail is open at Rock Creek near Radisson. Watch for grouse picking grit along the trail, as well as for deer and other wildlife.

At Crex Meadows, sandhill crane numbers reached a couple thousand. You can observe them in the fields during the day and then flying to their evening roosts. Tiger salamanders on the roads are migrating to wintering grounds.

In Flambeau River State Forest, river levels on the North and South forks are low, though folks are still paddling the North Fork. Leaves are at peak color — a drive through the forest is worth the trip!

Recent northwest winds brought a huge influx of passerines and Neotropical migrants such as warblers, thrushes, vireos and hummingbirds, and the first waves of short-distance migrants including kinglets, creepers, towhees, rusty blackbirds, yellow-

Lost Land/Teal, Moose, Namakagon. Bucktails, jerkbaits, suckers, topwaters, tubes. Weed edges; 15-18 feet. Walleye: Round, Grindstone, Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO), Sand, Namakagon. Jigs/minnows, walleye suckers, crawlers. Deeper water. Northern: Most lakes. Spinners, stickbaits, spoons, live bait. Weeds. Largemouth: Most lakes. Plastics, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, live bait. Weeds, brush, structure. Shallow to deep. Smallmouth: Grindstone, Round, Flowage, LCO, Eau Claire lakes. Plastics, stickbaits, crankbaits, tubes, crawlers. Deep weeds, rock, drop-offs. Panfish: Most lakes. Crappie: Crappie minnows, waxies, plastics, Tattle-Tails, Gulp! baits. Suspended; deeper water. Bluegill: Waxies, worms, small jigs, Gulp! baits. Deep weeds, weed edges, flats.

Happy Hooker (Pat):

Quiet Lakes. Musky action is excellent on the right days, with anglers catching fish on bucktails, topwaters, crankbaits, and live bait. This is a good time to drag a sucker while casting. A reminder: The new rule requires the use of a quick-strike rig or a non-offset circle hook when using an eight-inch or longer bait. Walleye anglers are catching fish on Twister Tails in mud bottom areas and on the edges of breaks with weed lines. This is a good time to start throwing Husky Jerks, Rapalas, and crankbaits for both walleyes and bass. The crappie bite is good on slip bobber rigs with a plain hook and minnow suspended at about five feet or so. Walleye and crappie anglers are also catching some perch, pike, and smallmouth bass.

Jenk's (Randy): Chippewa Flowage. Musky action is steady. Jerkbait and suckers are getting the most attention, with some on bucktails. Fish the bars

walleyes is minnows in brush in 14-18 feet of water. Crappies are still on topwaters, slow to school, action is spotty in Mud Bay. Use minnows and Gulp! baits in deep water and tubes on the crib

Outdoor Creation

(Guide Dave Dorazio): Water temperatures in the upper 50s on the Chippewa Flowage. Smallmouth muskies are relating to weeds, but many fish have moved to deeper water. Jerkbait such as Sui Warlocks, and Bull Dog you use live bait, rig set on quick-strike rigs a set the hook as soon as possible. Do not allow musky to swallow the hook. Some walleyes are in 15-20 feet of water, but anglers are finding decent action in the weeds with bright jigs (orange, chartreuse, pink) tipped with fat. Particularly in early morning and evening. Northern action is picking up at the weeds with spinner and minnow baits. Crappie are on brush and critical 15-22 feet of water are taking minnows and jigs. Bluegills are in vegetation, crappies and hitting jigs tipped with waxie

Anglers All (Rogers)

Carolyn): Lake Superior. Fishing is excellent on Chequamegon Bay. Smallmouth action is at Long Island, the rock pile, and the end of the breakwall. The best is drifting sucker minnow however, some anglers using crankbaits and spoons. Walleye are doing well casting on stickbaits along the land shoreline during light and after dark. Northern action is very good along the shoreline, wall, and rock pile. Brown trout and coho moving the Onion and Sioux. Anglers are trolling just about everything flies, dodgers, stickbaits, smaller spoons, and