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Christmas Memories

By Angie Alexander

When I was a child, Christmas was a special time. It still is one of my favorite holidays. We celebrated much more simply in those days. My papa and I would shop for our Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. He would bargain with the man at the tree lot and get our tree for next to nothing. I remember him saying, "Mister, you are gonna close soon and nobody gonna buy this tree tomorrow."

When we got our tree home, we placed it in a large gray crock that was filled with sand. We would water the sand to keep our tree fresh. Then Papa would test the strings of lights, because if one light burned out, they all went out. Meanwhile, I would unwrap the ornaments. The ornaments were stored in a blue metal bathtub that had brass handles. Papa said they used it for baths before we had a bathroom. I don't remember that. When I had all the ornaments laid out on the floor, we began to decorate the tree. My mama would press last year's tinsel, and my brother Johnny would hang it delicately on the tree. We put a sheet around the bottom of the tree that Mama had dyed red. Our little town of Bethlehem was then placed on the sheet.

While Papa and I had been shopping, my mama had started to cook our Christmas Eve meal. This was not her usual role. My papa did most of the cooking in our house, but when needed, she could cook and did a good job of it.

From our kitchen came the smells of tomato sauce, garlic, oregano, spaghetti, Italian sausages, roasted chicken, olives and cheese. Our black and white metal table had a porcelain top and hollow legs and was set with white dime store dishes, depression glassware (that people would give their eye teeth for today) that didn't match and cloth napkins as large as dish towels. In the middle of the table was a loaf of twisted homemade bread.

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Santa visits Crandon



Santa and Mrs. Claus Greeting children at the fire barn in Crandon.

By Boyd Monte

Santa is probably the busiest man in the world this time of year. We see him on TV, hear him on the radio, but he still makes time to visit with all the young children. Last Saturday, December 17th, Santa set up a bench at the fire barn in Crandon, and sat down to hear the lists of all the children who came. Mrs. Claus was with him to help, hand out bags of treats and make sure that nothing was missed on the children's lists. Santa and Mrs. Claus then headed back to the North Pole to work on the presents.

Tuesday, December 20th, Santa and Mrs. Claus were back in the Northwoods. This time they were having breakfast at the Log Cabin with the children in day care and preschool. Santa and Mrs. Claus again took Christmas lists and when the children were done, they received a free pancake breakfast.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus at the Log Cabin in Crandon

Merry Christmas!



Photo of frosted window courtesy of Laurie Painter-Silver Cliff

From the Management & Staff of the Pioneer Express!
May your Holiday be Joyous!

Time change for P.L.A.Y. New Years Eve Party

The P.L.A.Y. Organization of the Wabeno Area Schools will hold a new year's eve party at Madonna Hall, St. Ambrose Parish, Saturday, December 31, from 7-10:00 p.m. The party is open to the public.

There will be games and prizes appropriate for all age groups. Plenty of food will be served, and the new year will be celebrated at 10 pm with hats and horns.

P.L.A.Y. stands for Positive Leadership for Adults and Youth and has been active for 30 years, providing activities for youth and families as an alternative to drugs and alcohol.

Crandon woman publishes her life story

BUNKER BABY



The true story of a Vietnamese woman, born in war who overcame all obstacles to raise a family and come to the United States



Nga Walker has recently published a biographical book about her life in Vietnam, the war years she grew up in, her eventual marriage to Crandon's Elmer Walker and her move to Crandon.

Nga's book gives insights to the Vietnam War, and the pain and suffering experienced by all the participants in the conflicts that occurred in Vietnam from 1945 to the present. *Bunker Baby* is also a story of triumph over adversity and happiness with her family and life in the Northwoods of Wisconsin.

Bunker Baby was edited and printed here at the Pioneer. Nga is selling the book from her home and around town. Her phone number is 715-478-3530. The book can also be purchased at the *Pioneer Express* office in downtown Crandon.



This is the Christmas issue, and we should probably have a photo of a reindeer, but they seem to be in short supply here in our Northwoods. Moose, however, seem to show up with more frequency. This lady moose was photographed in Townsend, near Mary Lake by Barb Grobarchik. We appreciate the photos sent by readers, and we urge you to keep them coming!

FCEDP Announces Executive Director



Jason Neilitz, President of the Forest County Economic Development Partnership (FCEDP), is pleased to announce a new Executive Director has been named. The FCEDP took a major step forward recently when it hired Jim Schuessler to be its full time executive director. Thanks in significant part to a generous grant from the Forest County Potawatomi Foundation, this position gives the partnership a powerful tool in promoting economic stability and growth in the county.

Mr. Schuessler brings a wealth of experience and excitement to the position. He was raised in Northern Wisconsin and graduated with Bachelors of Science

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Yamaha awards \$8,000 grant for county ATV trails



ATV riders will be glad to know that the Forest County ATV Association has obtained a Yamaha OHV Access Initiative Grant, and a small celebration was held last Tuesday at the Forest County Courthouse.

The \$8,000 grant will link Blackwell with the Nicolet State Trail, which was the former Chicago & Northwestern rail line, and runs north and south the entire length of the east side of the county. This will make access more available with trails in Marinette County.

This has been a collaborative effort with the U.S. Forest Service, Yamaha, the Nicolet National Forest Eastside Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and the Forest County ATV Association.

Blackwell has all of their roads open to ATVs, and they also contributed \$500 to the cause. It was mentioned that other contributions will be gladly accepted!

According to County Forester Dave Ziolkowski, there are currently 54 miles of ATV trails in Forest County, and they received \$29,900 annually from registration funds. The goal for the future is to link all of the communities to an ATV trail system, and there is currently an effort being made to link Forest County to Monico with a trail, so there can be access to Oneida County trails.



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CoVantage employees give back

During the holidays, the staff at CoVantage Credit Union likes to give back to the community. This year, they all pitched in and bought stuffed animals and donated them to the Crandon City Police Department and Crandon Area Rescue Squad. These stuffed animals will be used to calm scared or sick children. We appreciate the services these two entities provide to our community.



L to R: Melinda Chaney, Crandon Rescue; Dan Packard, Crandon Police Dept.; Cheri Wilson, CoVantage; Harry Thurin, Crandon Rescue.



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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- AA Meetings - Back Door Group - Open meetings Monday & Thurs. nights @ 7 p.m., Lakewood Lakes Community Library. Call Mary 715-276-2318 or Bill 715-889-3512.
- Comm. Life Council monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., at the VFW Hall, second Thurs. of every month.
- AA Meetings: Tuesday nights, 7 p.m., Indian Springs Lodge, Carter. Closed meeting. Barb at 715-473-3904
- Forest County Big Book Closed AA Meeting: Thurs. 7 p.m., at Crandon Library. 478-2598 or 715-889-1829.
- Al-Anon Meetings - Courage to Change Group. Every Friday, 7-8 p.m., lower level Crandon Library.
- Forest City Humane Society: Open to public every Sat. from 10-2. Call for more info 715-478-2098.
- FREE Road Construction Class: Starts in Sept., Mon - Thurs. Space limited. For more info call 715-478-7633.
- Forest County Marine Corps League Meeting - 1st Wednesday of month. 6 p.m., VFW Hall, Crandon. For information call (715) 889-0371.
- Fresh Start AA Meeting - Every Wed. at 7 p.m., CoVantage Credit Union, 502 W. Pioneer, Crandon.
- AA Meeting - Every Thursday at 7 p.m., Crandon Library (downstairs), Crandon.
- Childhood Vaccines Available FREE: The new HPV vaccine is available for females ages 11-18 years old. Is given for prevention of cervical cancer. MENINGOCOCCAL vaccine is also recommended for children 11-18 of age. Is given for prevention of bacterial meningitis. Many colleges recommend that students living in dormitories receive this shot. Call 715-478-3371 for more info or appointment.
- Forest City Health Dept. Services: Call 715-478-3371 to inquire about. WIC, Lifeline, Women's Cancer Control & Health Screening Programs, Infant & Toddler Car Seat Education/Installation, Blood Sugar Testing, Blood Pressures, Prenatal Care Coordination, Lead Screening, Radon Test kits, Water Testing, Fluoride Program, & More.
- Tri-County Council Domestic Violence Support Group: for dates, location & times: 715-478-362-6841 or 1-800-236-1222. Crandon Teen Group Thurs. 3:15-4:15 for location or info call 715-478-3780.
- Crandon VFW Post - Meets every first Tuesday of the month. 6 p.m. at the VFW building, 104 N. Forest
- Non-Denominational Prayer Line - Call anytime (715) 478-4800.
- Support Group for Parents of Children with Disabilities - Call Chris at 715-784-0058
- Crandon Lions Board Meetings - 1st Monday of month at Crandon Library at 6:30 p.m. (downstairs)
- Crandon Lions Members Meeting - January 16 & February 20, 3rd Mon. of month at Hotel Crandon, Crandon. 5:30 social, 6:30 dinner & 7 meeting.
- Bridge Community Dental Health Clinic - This projects serves people of all ages in Forest County for people who have Badger Care, Medical Assistance & UNINSURED. To schedule an appointment call (715)848-4884. Call the Health Dept. for more information at 715-478-3371
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Hwy. 55N, Crandon. Sunday service 9:30 a.m. No Saturday services.
- Christian Motorcyclist Association - Spirit Ryders Chapter of Langlade & Forest Co. Invites you to attend our monthly meetings on the 2nd Tues. of each month. 6 p.m. fellowship, 7 p.m. meeting. Info George (715) 350-1679.
- ADRC: Aging & Disability Resource Center for Forest County residents. 300A Lake Ave., Crandon, WI 54520 - (715)478-2162. A No cost, one stop source of information & assistance to access services and/or options available to meet your needs and maintain your independence.
- Highway 55 Flea & Craft Market - Every Wednesday, Nashville Town Hall, Hwys 55 & B, Crandon. Vendors or more info call 715-484-72710
- Crandon PTO Meeting - 1st Monday of every month, 6-7 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria.
- Fo. Co. Health Dept. Immunization Clinics - Wed., Dec. 28, Crandon, Health Dept. 1:30-4. Call 715-478-3371 for appointment.

**Good Neighbor Pharmacies
receive highest ranking**

Lakewood, WI, December 5, 2011 Good Neighbor Pharmacy, a network of more than 3,700 independently owned pharmacies across the United States, achieved the highest customer satisfaction ranking among chain drug stores in the J.D. Power and Associates 2011 U.S. National Pharmacy Study, making this their second consecutive year as ranking the highest, tied in 2011.

Nicolet Pharmacy, Inc. is a member of the Good Neighbor Pharmacy network and has been serving the residents of the Lakewood area for more than 15 years.

The syndicated study, now in its fifth year, measures overall customer satisfaction. The results are based on experiences and perceptions of pharmacy patients. The key factors that contributed to customer satisfaction were: prescription ordering and pick-up process; store; cost competitiveness; and interactions with non-pharmacist staff and pharmacists. The 2011 National Pharmacy Study was based on responses from more than 12,360 customers who filled a new prescription or refilled a prescription during the three months prior to the survey, which was fielded May through June 2011.

"We are proud to be a member of Good Neighbor Pharmacy and are thrilled to be a part of this recognition. Our ultimate goal is to provide a high level of customer service to our patients, and this is validation from our customers that they recognize the difference," said Gary Donaldson, owner of Nicolet Pharmacy, Inc..

For more information about Nicolet Pharmacy, Inc., please visit us on facebook or call us at 715-276-3646.



Help stop domestic abuse!

Looking for a way to help your community? Want to make a difference in the lives of others? The Forest County Potawatomi Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Center, Bakakwsen Shkwadem, is currently looking for volunteers

The Center provides safe housing for women and children seeking shelter from domestic or sexual violence. (We can also find shelter for male victims of abuse).

Along with housing we also offer advocacy, support and information to victims, families and friends.

Volunteer Requirements: Must be at least 18 years of age. No experience necessary, will train. Access to reliable transportation needed. A background check will be done.

Volunteer Duties: Volunteers assist in maintaining the 24-hour coverage of the Centers hotline, provide information and referrals to callers, and respond to requests for advocates while on call. Volunteers will also be asked to cover overnight shifts at the center as needed.

The next 8 hour training will be held on Saturday January 14TH 2012 from 8-4pm Lunch will be provided. You must register by January 10, 2012. Space is limited Please call Lynn Johnson @ 715-478-4991 or email Lynn.Johnson@FCPotawatomi-nsn.gov



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**Riverview Skating
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We were puzzled when both the Sheriff and Warden showed up at last Saturday's Hockey Game. Apparently there have been rumors of excessive "icing", "cross-checking" and "hooking" on the rink. Law Enforcement Officers were performing their due diligence by warning the perpetrators of the consequences of continued "illegal" hockey activity. They did recommend that we increase security at the "Penalty Box" and suggested that the guy wearing his Carhart's spend most of his time in it. The Ice is FAST - unlike the skaters.

The statistics from the game are as follows:
Score - 35 to 32; defense forgot to show up
Minutes Played - way too many
Injury Report - other than to Ego - None
Shots on Goal - don't ask
Enjoyment Level - 101%

The Ice Rinks have room for a couple more skaters. If you would like a few pointers to improve your game, we've got people willing to give you advice. Some of it will actually pertain to Skating.

'Tis the Skating Season. Come on out, remember that the Town of Riverview has Ice Skates for anyone who needs a pair. Also the Town Hall will be open for Hot Chocolate and Necessary Rooms during weekends and Christmas Break. No, not all day, late morning to mid afternoon.

Gentleman's Pickup Hockey is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday Mornings. Anyone is welcome!

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Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel spreads Christmas Cheer



'Tis the season! Team members from Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel (PCCCH) have been very busy elves this holiday season. Through the months of November and part of December, team members participated in the 4th Annual Toy Drive at PCCCH. It was through their generosity that a total of 300 toys were collected, a record setting year.

The program kicked off in 2008. The Essential Service Committee, made up of volunteers from all different departments introduced the concept to the team members and it was a success, collecting approximately 200 toys. In 2009, the numbers decreased with only 154 toys collected and then in 2010 a jump to 244 toys. Team members stepped up to the challenge to surpass that number in 2011 and that they did, with a total of 300 toys! This year was an incredible year for donations. All of the toys were delivered to Forest County's Department of Social Services.

In 2012, General Manager, Cheryl Waube was moved by the gesture. So she and the rest of the management team at PCCCH matched the efforts of the team members, donating \$1,700 in cash! The money was used to purchase food for the NEWCAP food pantry in Crandon, WI. This was the case again this year, but a total of \$2,100 was donated!

So Waube and company headed out to Schaefer's Food Mart on Friday, December 9 to shop! With a grocery list and calculator in hand, each went out and shopped 'til they dropped. From a variety of meats, to canned goods and laundry soap, an assortment of goods were bought and delivered by all of the managers to NEWCAP.

Waube stated, "We're so excited to have this opportunity to provide this bighearted donation to our communities! There will be many families who will be able to bring joy to their families this holiday season with a special toy under the tree or a table full of food."

Also, during the month of November, guests participated in a month long food drive. After filling up two offices, the team members at Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel helped deliver and/or load vehicles full. Those vehicles headed to Townsend to St. John's Lutheran Church food pantry and also to the New Hope Shelter in Crandon.



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<p>Dei Fratelli Tomatoes - Sel. Var.</p>	<p>Tide Laundry Detergent</p>	<p>Duncan Hines Cake Mix</p>	<p>Duncan Hines Ready-to-Serve Frosting</p>	<p>Fisher Dry Roasted Peanuts - Sel. Var.</p>	<p>Milwaukee Pickles - Sel. Var.</p>	<p>Old Orchard Apple Juice or Cider</p>	<p>Spike's Salsa or Con Queso</p>	<p>Mario Sliced or Chopped Olives</p>	<p>Dart Party Cups</p>	<p>Pajeda Chips - Sel. Var.</p>	<p>2/\$3⁰⁰ <small>20 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$14⁰⁰ <small>20 Oz.</small></p>	<p>3/\$5⁰⁰ <small>16.25 Oz.</small></p>	<p>\$1⁸⁹ <small>15-16 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$5⁰⁰ <small>14 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$5⁰⁰ <small>20 Oz.</small></p>	<p>\$3⁹⁹ <small>12 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$3⁵⁰ <small>16 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$2⁰⁰ <small>2.25-4.25 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$3⁰⁰ <small>20 Oz.</small></p>	<p>79¢ <small>5-7 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Ragu Pizza Sauce</p>	<p>Shur Fine Cocktail or Chili Sauce</p>	<p>Shur Fine Aluminum Foil</p>	<p>Del Monte Tomato Juice</p>	<p>Hunts Manwich Sauce</p>	<p>Orville Reddenbacher Popcorn - Sel. Var.</p>	<p>Ruffles or Tostitos</p>	<p>Rice-A-Roni or Pasta-Roni</p>	<p>Wildwood Soda</p>	<p>Kraft Salad Dressing</p>	<p>Scott's White Paper Towels</p>	<p>99¢ <small>14 Oz.</small></p>	<p>99¢ <small>12 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$2⁰⁰ <small>25 Oz.</small></p>	<p>\$1⁰⁹ <small>46 Oz.</small></p>	<p>4/\$5⁰⁰ <small>13.5 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$4⁵⁰ <small>3 Pk.</small></p>	<p>\$3²⁹ <small>9-13 Oz.</small></p>	<p>5/\$5⁰⁰ <small>4.2-4.8 Oz.</small></p>	<p>2/\$5⁵⁰ <small>12 Pk.</small></p>	<p>2/\$4⁰⁰ <small>16-18 Oz.</small></p>	<p>99¢ <small>8 Oz.</small></p>
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Frozen & Dairy

<p>Mr. Dell's Hash Browns</p> <p>2/\$5⁰⁰ <small>24-32 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Tombstone Original Pizza</p> <p>3/\$9⁹⁹ <small>12"</small></p>	<p>Snapps Appetizers</p> <p>5/\$5⁰⁰ <small>5.5 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Tyson Nuggets, Patties or Wings</p> <p>2/\$5⁰⁰ <small>10-13.25 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Blue Bunny Premium Ice Cream</p> <p>\$4⁶⁹ <small>56 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Flav-R-Pac French Fries</p> <p>2/\$5⁰⁰ <small>32 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Dutch Farms - Sel. Var. Sour Cream</p> <p>\$1⁵⁹ <small>16 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Dutch Farms Onion or Ranch Dips</p> <p>\$1²⁹ <small>16 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Azteca - Sel. Var. Flour Tortilla</p> <p>2/\$3⁰⁰ <small>10 Ct.</small></p>	<p>Shur Fresh Cream Cheese</p> <p>\$1²⁹ <small>8 Oz.</small></p>
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<p>Green Giant Cut & Peeled Baby Carrots</p> <p>98¢ <small>16 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Fresh Dole Greener Select or Romaine Salad Blend</p> <p>2/\$3⁰⁰ <small>9-12 Oz.</small></p>	<p>California Juicy Navel Oranges</p> <p>98¢ <small>Lb.</small></p>	<p>Large Red Radishes</p> <p>\$1²⁸ <small>16 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Assorted Marzetti Veggie Dips</p> <p>\$3⁴⁸ <small>12-15.5 Oz.</small></p>
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<p>Fresh Baked Kaiser Rolls</p> <p>\$2³⁹ <small>6 Ct.</small></p>	<p>Decorated Bundt Cakes</p> <p>\$4³⁹ <small>20 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Light Rye Bread</p> <p>\$2⁷⁹ <small>19 Oz.</small></p>	<p>Baked Daily Sub Buns</p> <p>\$3⁰⁹ <small>4 Ct.</small></p>
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<p>Klement's Summer Sausage</p> <p>\$4⁹⁹ <small>Lb.</small></p>	<p>Mrs. Gerry's Steakhouse Potato Salad</p> <p>\$4⁶⁹ <small>Lb.</small></p>	<p>Grandma Karen's Hot Wings</p> <p>\$4⁹⁹ <small>Lb.</small></p>
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New Director Cont. from pg. 1

degree from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He left the area to pursue a career in television management and promotion, working throughout the United States. Jim and his wife Karla now reside in Townsend, where they purchased a resort and restaurant. They revitalized the business to a point where he is now seeking a new challenge. They have three children currently in college.

"What really stood out was Jim's outside-the-box approach to some of the issues we've been talking about as a group," says Forest County Chamber Executive Director Melinda Otto, "and we are excited for him to get started." RT Krueger added "The partnership has lots of ideas; however, board members have full time jobs, as well. The executive director will be charged with organizing and focusing those ideas, keeping us moving in a solid direction." Board member Bucky Dailey said "This is definitely our launching point for bigger and better things for the county." "This is the result of a lot of hard work and behind the scenes efforts and now we look forward to results," said Jimmy Landru, Jr., County Economic Development Chair and FCEDP board member.

Forest County UW Extension Educator Steve Nelson, who facilitated the processes which resulted in this partnership, said he was very pleased with the outcome and the enthusiasm that continues with this group. "There has been a concerted effort on the part of board members and community leaders to seek the vision of all the communities in Forest County working together to foster economic growth. I applaud their efforts. Hiring an executive director is the first step in a new chapter toward economic well being for all the communities of Forest County," he said.

The new executive director will be working out of an office in the Forest County Visitor Center, donated by the Forest County Chamber of Commerce with support through the Forest County Tourism (room tax) Commission. Jim will start his new position on December 15 and says, "I am so thrilled to be a part of this group, and I can't wait to see what we can accomplish together."



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Death Notices

TINA MARIE POWELL, of Pearson, died Friday, December 16, 2011 at her home. She was 39 years old. She was born on July 12, 1972 in Antigo a daughter of Ginger Ernst and Michael Mischler Sr. She married Doran Powell on August 8, 1992 at Military Park in Pickeral. He survives.



She was a graduate of Antigo High School, received an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Nicolet Technical College and a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from Upper Iowa University. She was 2005-2006 Student Ambassador at Nicolet Technical and president of Nicolet's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, treasurer for the Student Criminal Justice Association and an officer on the Student Leadership Team. She was a manager at Kmart in Antigo, a counselor at the Homme Home in Wittenberg for five years and in February of this year she became employed at the Goodwill Store in Antigo, recently being promoted to Team Leader.

She enjoyed her involvement with Girl Scouts and Jobs Daughters, playing cards with her grandparents and volunteering at the Green Bay Packer games for the Shawano County Humane Society with her friend Rene Sackech.

In addition to her husband survivors include two daughters, Natasha Powell and Shania Powell both of Pearson; her mother, Ginger (Paul) Ernst, Racine; her father, Michael (Judy) Mischler Sr., Pearson; a brother, Michael (Vicky Krabbe) Mischler Jr., Pickeral; a half-brother, Austin Mischler, Pearson; a half-sister, Amanda Mischler, Pearson; grandfather, Charles Broukal, Haines City, FL; nephew, Dillon Mischler, Pickeral; and mother-in-law, Dona Powell, Deerbrook.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Ruth Broukal; paternal grandparents, Norbert and Jane Mischler; father-in-law, Donald Powell; and two uncles, Greg Broukal and William Mischler.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church, Pickeral with Rev. Michael Mathey officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Bradley Funeral Home and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com

JAMES "JIM" SPARKS, age 72, of Crandon, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2011 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rhinelander. Arrangements pending. Please contact Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon 715-478-2322 for visitation and service times or visit our website at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

DONALD W. GASTRAU, age 75, of Cavour, passed away at the Eastview Medical & Rehab. Center, Antigo. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 23, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Wabeno. Funeral services will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Father Jason Blahnik officiating. Online condolences www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the Editor; however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous, and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. **NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES.** We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

Early-Bird registration open for Direct Caregivers Conference at Nicolet

Anyone providing long-term care to a relative, friend or doing so professionally is invited to attend the Sixth Annual Direct Caregivers Conference from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, in the Northwoods Center on Nicolet College's Rhinelander campus.

In the past the conference was targeted mainly to professional caregivers working in skilled nursing facilities, community based residential facilities, assisted living facilities, home health, and hospice.

"This year we've expanded the focus to include anyone who provides care to family members or friends as well as those who operate small adult family homes or provide supportive home care," said Sandy Bishop, Nicolet College director of Workforce Development and a member of the Northern Wisconsin Long Term Care Workforce Network.

The theme of this year's conference is Health and Wellness for Caregivers and Those They Serve. A highlight of the conference will be a special awards ceremony to recognize caregiver excellence.

Keynote speaker Molly Rose Teuke will present A Beginner's Guide to Getting Your Brain on Your Side. Additional presentations will include What's My Toothbrush Got to do With It? by Daniel Gremban, DDS, Rhinelander Family Dentistry; Coping with Grief and Loss by Connie DeBels, bereavement coordinator, Ministry Hospice Services; and Aging, Cognitive Impairment, and Dementia: Understanding the Changes by Christopher Koeppl, MD, Ministry Medical Group.

The conference will be hosted by the Northern Wisconsin Long Term Care Workforce Network and Nicolet College. The network is a professional organization of long term care providers, agencies, and organizations who provide education and support to caregivers in a variety of settings.

Early Bird registration is \$59 (\$42.22, if age 62 or older) if enrolled by Friday, January 20. After January 20, registration is \$64 (\$47.22, if 62 or older). Continental breakfast, catered luncheon, and conference favors are included in registration. Those attending will receive up to 4.5 hours of continuing education and certificates of class completion. To register, call Nicolet College at (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4493, or TDD (715) 365-4558. For more information about the conference, contact Nicolet College at (715) 365-4425, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4425; TDD (715) 365-4558; or by email at rjacobs1@nicoletcollege.edu.

Christmas memories Cont. from pg. 1

Mama's warm sponge cake rested on the top of our stove. The color of the stove was green and creme and had eisenglass windows and a button you pressed to get the pilot light going. Before we ate, we toasted the meal (Salute!), the holiday and gave thanks for our blessings with Papa's homemade wine, which Johnny and I were allowed to sip on holidays.

After our meal, we cleaned the kitchen. Then Mama would go into her bedroom and bring out a few wrapped gifts. Johnny and I would wait in anticipation. We opened our packages in front of our tree. Johnny would usually get a sweater or shirt. I usually got a sweater or blouse. Sometimes we might get a book or puzzle. Another package was usually a box of good mixed chocolates for the family. My parents never bought Christmas gifts for each other. They never exchanged gifts with any other family members. Money was tight, and they had to be frugal.

After we received our gifts, we waited for the special treat. Papa would roast chestnuts (Castagna) in the oven. I can still see him in my mind's eye. He'd slice the shell to let the steam escape and load the two oven racks with the nuts. He wore a huge white dish towel wrapped around his waist and stuffed into his belt as an apron. The roasting of the chestnuts was a tradition from his homeland (Sicily) and one that I still keep. When the nuts were ready, he'd sweep them out of the oven into his makeshift apron and say to Mama, "Maria, I give you the hot nuts for Christmas."

We would laugh at his remark. He made the same joke to her every year. Then he would fill each of our bowls with some of the nuts. We would carefully crack open the hot nuts, sometimes even burning our fingers, but the taste would be worth our pain.

We had a stand-up Victrola in the kitchen. Papa would wind a crank to get the turntable to revolve and then place a large heavy record on it. Christmas carols would fill the house, and we would sing along with the music before falling asleep near the tree while enjoying all the colored lights.

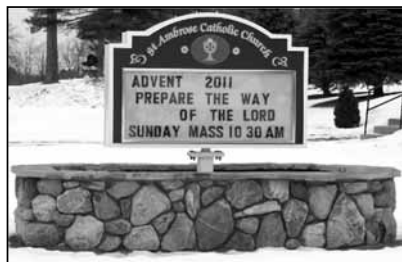
On Christmas Day, Johnny and I would go to mass. When we returned home, we would find fresh hot chicken soup waiting for us. In the afternoon, friends and family would stop in for a visit. Some would tell stories about the Old Country. Some would discuss politics and world events. Some would play instruments and everyone would sing. We ate, we drank, we laughed and we made a Merry Christmas.

We didn't have a lot of money in those days (late 30's and early 40's), but we never felt poor, lonely or bored. All our friends and neighbors were dealing with the same problems we had. The generation that had lived through the great depression and survived the heartaches of World War II was a hardy group. They accepted what was and worked hard to give their children a brighter future. I remember that we worked together and shared together as a family. Mostly I remember how many sacrifices my parents made for my brother and me. We felt loved and never knew a hungry day.

Many of the pleasures I experienced as a child I still find thrilling today. However, the simplicity of the holiday is gone.



New sign at St. Ambrose



As you pass by St. Ambrose Catholic Church on Hwy 32 in Wabeno, take note of the new sign announcing mass times, parish events, and thoughts for the day. This beautiful sign was made possible by a generous monetary contribution as well as the hard work of parish members and members of the community, along with the skilled work of Rick Boney and his crew, Stone and Boulder, Andy Ehlinger, Terry Fritsch, and Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix.



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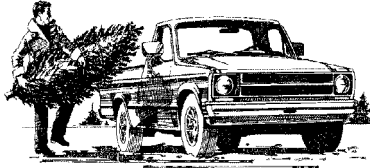
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Vet's Corner

Burial and Plot-Interment Allowances
What Are VA Burial Allowances?

VA burial allowances are partial reimbursements of an eligible Veteran's burial and funeral costs. When the cause of death is not service related, the reimbursements are generally described as two payments:

(1) a burial and funeral expense allowance, and (2) a plot or interment allowance.
Who is Eligible?

You may be eligible for a VA burial allowance if: you paid for a Veteran's burial or funeral, AND
** you have not been reimbursed by another government agency or some other source, such as the deceased veteran's employer, AND

** the Veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.
In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- ** the Veteran died because of a service-related disability, OR
- ** the Veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death, OR
- ** the Veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided not to reduce his/her military retirement or disability pay, OR
- ** the Veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility, OR
- ** the Veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment, or care, OR
- ** the Veteran had an original or reopened claim pending at the time of death and has been found entitled to compensation or pension from a date prior to the date of death, OR
- ** the veteran died on or after October 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home.

How Much Does VA Pay?

Service-Related Death. VA will pay up to \$2,000 toward burial expenses for deaths on or after September 11, 2001. VA will pay up to \$1,500 for deaths prior to September 10, 2001. If the Veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased may be reimbursed.

Non-service-Related Death. For deaths on or after October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$700 toward burial and funeral expenses (if hospitalized by VA at time of death), or \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses (if not hospitalized by VA at time of death), and a \$700.00 plot-interment allowance (if not buried in a national cemetery). For deaths on or after December 1, 2001, but before October 1, 2011, VA will pay up to \$300 toward burial and funeral expenses and a \$300 plot-interment allowance. The plot interment allowance is \$150 for deaths prior to December 1, 2001. If the death happened while the Veteran was in a VA hospital or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed. An annual increase in burial and plot allowances, for deaths occurring after October 1, 2011, begins in fiscal year 2013 based on the Consumer Price Index for the preceding 12-month period.

How Can You Apply?

You can apply by filling out VA Form 21-530, *Application for Burial Benefits*. You should attach a copy of the veteran's military discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent), death certificate, funeral and burial bills. They should show that you have paid them in full. You may download the form at <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>

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Senior Chatter

Submitted by Kate Schultz

9 Ways to Beat the Holiday Blues

- 1.) Make a list and check it twice. Don't channel your inner Santa. Instead, write down a list of everything you think you should do. Then go over it and cross off things that aren't that important and focus on "less stress" and don't take on too much during the holidays. Enjoy the true meaning rather than the less important parts of the holiday.
- 2.) Drink less. Holiday means more toasts but festive drinking can backfire. Finding other ways to be festive will go a long way toward keeping your mood boosted.
- 3.) Don't go for broke. Financial pressures are common during the holidays, especially with the economy the way it is nowadays. Make a budget and stick to it.
- 4.) Visualize the warm fuzzies. It's helpful to send a card or call someone and wish them well. It's more important to spend time with someone rather than spend money on someone.
- 5.) Get ready for your close-up. If you are feeling anxious about all you have to do to finish the holiday planning, take time for yourself. Sit back and have a cup of coffee, make a phone call to wish someone happy holidays and regroup.
- 6.) Give yourself a breather. Whether it's a bathroom break, short walk, or phone call. Take 10 for you and things will go much smoother.
- 7.) Stick to your healthy eating guns. Eat right, get enough sleep, and enjoy some of the tasty holiday treats but don't overdo it. Focus!
- 8.) Feel the burn -- a little less, perhaps. Don't put extra pressure on yourself at this busy time but make it a point to do some of your normal routine each day.
- 9.) Have a wonderful holiday season and focus on what you have and not what you don't have. Be thankful as this is the time for just that!

Forest County Commission on Aging Dot Bus Schedule

No Bus Schedule For This Week.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL THE BUS DRIVER FOR THAT DAY:

Hal Weisnicht: 715-478-2961
Bob Shepherd: 715-478-2683



TOPIC OF THE MONTH Make Half Your Grains Whole MEAL SCHEDULE

If unable to register at the meal site or if you need to cancel, please call Commission on Aging at 478-3256

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

MONDAY - December 26 - NO MEAL SITE, MEAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON DEC. 29th
THURSDAY - December 29 - Beef tips over egg noodles, California blend vegetables, fruit, dusted brownie

MONDAY - January 2 - No Meal Site

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

TUESDAY - December 27 - Stewed pork w/tomato spaetzle, green beans, fruit, rye bread, chocolate pudding

TUESDAY - January 3 - Pork chops, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, wheat bread, sherbet

CRANDON

WEDNESDAY - December 28 - Egg frittata w/potatoes & vegetables, fresh fruit, biscuit, banana nut cake

WEDNESDAY - January 4 - Beef barley soup, tossed salad w/egg, corn muffin, peanut butter cookies

THURSDAY - January 5 - Baked chicken, roasted red potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, dutch apple square

LAONA

THURSDAY - December 29 - Beef tips over egg noodles, California blend vegetables, fruit, dusted brownie

THURSDAY - January 5 - Baked chicken, roasted red potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, dutch apple square

ARMSTRONG CREEK

WEDNESDAY - December 27 - NO MEAL SITE

TUESDAY - January 3 - Spaghetti & meat sauce, lettuce salad, green beans, garlic bread, bars - BINGO -

ALVIN

THURSDAY - December 29 - Turkey & stuffing casserole, Cauliflower blend, applesauce, rolls, birthday cake

THURSDAY - January 5 - Hamburger on a bun, oven fries, beans, peaches, bars

WABENO HOME DELIVERED MENU

MONDAY, TUESDAY same as Crandon

THURSDAY same as Laona

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site manager Pat Rami is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If not registered for upcoming day, please call the commission office at 478-3256.

Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). If not registered for upcoming day, please call the commission office at 478-3256. Meal served at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Laona site manager Angela Johnson at 715-902-0011 (home) or 715-478-7712 (COA). If not registered for upcoming day, please call the commission office (COA). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Wabeno site manager Diana Reed at 715-850-0626 (home) or 715-473-4333 (site). If not registered for upcoming day please call the commission office at 478-3256. Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Armstrong Creek site manager-Shirley Maruszczak - 715-336-2622 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). If not registered for upcoming day please call the commission office at 715-478-3256. Meal served at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday.



GEORGE by Mark Szorady



NOTICE Town of Wabeno

1. If paying taxes in December, please pay by mail at the address on your tax bill.
2. If you need a receipt sent back to you, you must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment.
3. A separate check must be written when paying for a dog license.
4. Dog license fees are:
\$3.00 for neutered males & spayed females.
\$8.00 for un-neutered males & un-spayed females.
5. Please attach a "Certificate of Vaccination" to your payment for the dog license. A dog license will not be issued without this Certificate.
6. Dates to pay taxes at Town Hall:
January 19, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
January 20, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
7. Payments will only be accepted by mail at the address on tax bill or at the Town Hall on specified dates.

Laona National Honor Society sponsors blood drive Jan. 5

The Laona Chapter of the National Honor Society will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive as one of its community-service projects. The Laona Community Blood Drive will be held from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Laona School complex.

Anyone interested in donating one pint of blood is asked to call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment, or visit the website at www.redcrossblood.org for more information. A blood-donor card or a driver's license, or two other forms of identification, are required at the check-in station.

Individuals who are seventeen years of age, weigh at least one hundred and ten pounds, and are in generally good health are eligible to donate their blood. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for all patients. (Parental consent forms need to be filed, in advance, for those donors who are sixteen years of age and meet the rest of the requirements.)

We look forward to seeing you on January 5! Our goal for this blood drive is thirty pints and a scholarship will be made available to our students if that goal is achieved. Please help us help our community, and our students!

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA BOARD OF EDUCATION Wednesday, January 4, 2012 Approximately 6:30 P.M. - Immediately Following Impact Aid Hearing Community Room - Wabeno Elementary School AGENDA

- Call to order.
- Roll call.
- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Approval of the agenda.
- Appearances:
 - There are no appearances scheduled at this time.
- Action items:
 - Review and possible approval of the minutes of the regular School Board Meeting held on December 7, 2011.
 - Review and possible action of vouchers and payroll.
 - Discuss and take possible action on rescheduling March and April Board Meetings.
- Information items:
 - Allison Space, Elementary School Principal.
 - Winter Concert recap
 - Santa's Workshop update
 - Home and School upcoming events
 - Upcoming Fang Reading Program
 - Student Council Events and Winter Carnival
 - 2nd Quarter ends Jan. 20
 - Update on other news and events
 - Tim Brauer, Jr/SR High School Principal.
 - PBS updates
 - Insight and CCSS training update
 - Band and Choir concert recap
 - Pete Liptack presentation to technology students
 - Fall Sports recap
 - Richard H. Huisman, Interim Administrator.
 - Transportation to School Board Convention January 17-19.
 - Update on school board candidates for spring election.
 - Staffing for the 2012-2013 school year.
 - RUS Grant
 - Update on Virtual Desktop System.
 - Update on other news and events
- Enter closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e).
 - Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
- Return to open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed session and to handle the following open action items.
- Adjourn

NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

Bids & Notices F.A.S.T offered at Wabeno School

F.A.S.T. stands for Families and Schools Together. It is a program that is coordinated between the school district and local support agencies. The purpose is to enhance parent-child-school relationships and to strengthen the family by helping family members improve their communication and nurturing skills. The program runs for approximately 4 weeks depending upon family commitments. Families that are interested in becoming involved in F.A.S.T. should contact the program coordinators Jacki Champine at Wabeno Elementary office (715) 473-3633 or Michele Rocole at Wabeno High School office (715) 473-5122.

We are always looking for families willing to participate in such an exciting program. Hope you will be joining the fun this year!



CALLING ALL MARINES - WE WANT YOU!

The Forest County Detachment of the Marine Corps League is looking for new regular members and associate members to come join us the first Wednesday of every month at the VFW Hall in Crandon. Food & Door Prizes. For more information please call Micah Dewing at 715-899-0371 OU/50

School District of Wabeno Area Tribal and Parental Involvement Meeting

Richard H. Huisman, Interim District Administrator for the School District of Wabeno Area, announces a meeting to ensure that tribal officials and parents or guardians of American Indian children in the School District of Wabeno Area have the opportunity to present their views regarding the application for funding with PL81-874 funds. The meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in the Community Room in the Wabeno Elementary School.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA PL81-874 Impact Aid Meeting Agenda Wednesday, January 4, 2012 - 6:00 P.M. Community Room - Wabeno Elementary School AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order
2. Attendance
3. Discuss the minutes of the January 10, 2011 meeting
4. Explanation of the Impact Aid Program
5. Review School Board Policy 811-Tribal and Parental Involvement in Decision Making
6. Review Accomplishments
 - * Allison Space, Elementary School Principal, will report on Native American participation at the elementary school.
 - * Tim Brauer, Junior/Senior High Principal, will report on Native American participation at the Jr/Sr High School.
7. Public Input - Future Goals
8. Any other business allowed by law
9. Adjourn

Laona Library Lore

The Edith Evans Community Library is pleased to report that the following new items have been added to their growing collection for your reading and/or viewing pleasure:

Adult Fiction: "Come a little closer" by Dorothy Garlock; "Explosive eighteen" by Janet Evanovich; and "Kill Alex Cross" by James Patterson

Movies: "Beethoven's Christmas adventure"; "Dear Santa"; "Harry Potter and the deathly hallows: Part 2"; "Larry Crowne; and "Rango"

Young-Adult Non-Fiction: "Animal jokes" by Pam Rosenberg; "Baa, baa, black sheep" by Noira Kemp; "Bulldozers" by Amanda Askew; "Children's celebrations" by Ian Rohr; "Dinosaur jokes" by Pam Rosenberg; "Earth-friendly crafts" by Kathy Ross; "Fire trucks: Racing to the scene" by Molly Aloian; "Food jokes" by Pam Rosenberg; "High-flying airplanes" by Reagan Miller; "Holiday jokes" by Pam Rosenberg; "Hey diddle diddle" by Moira Kemp; "Hickory, dickory, dock" by Moira Kemp; "Jack and Jill" by Liza Woodruff; "Jazzy jewelry, pretty purses, and more" by Kathy Ross; "Little Bo Peep" by Liza Woodruff; "Little Boy Blue" by Laura Ferraro Close; "Little Miss Muffet" by Joni Jacobs; "Mighty tanks" by Paul Challen; "The grocery store" by Heather Adamson; "Old King Cole" by Winifred Barnum-Newman; "Old Mother Hubbard" by Carol Schwartz; "One, two, buckle my shoe" by Paige Billin-Frye; "Riddles" by Pam Rosenberg; "Space jokes" by Pam Rosenberg; "Sports jokes" by Pam Rosenberg; "The little piggy" by Moira Kemp; "Traditional celebrations" by Ian Rohr; "What do they do? Firefighters" by Jennifer Zeiger; "What does a governor do?" by David Jakubiak; and "What does the president do?" by David Jakubiak

Timber Sale

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community will be accepting bid proposals until **DECEMBER 30, 2011** for the cutting and removal of 7 acres of red pine pulp estimated at 137 cords located on the reservation.

For additional information and to inspect property, contact Mike Preul at 478-7621.

Written bids should be submitted to Mike Preul, Sokaogon Chippewa Community, Crandon, WI 54520

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Museum Hours

Forest County Museum - Will be closing for the season following Labor Day weekend, except for during Art in the Square, the museum will be open from 9:00 to 4:00. The museum will re-open following Memorial Day weekend. During the closed season we will gladly open for tours by appointment. Please call 715-478-3753 to make arrangements.

Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center & Museum - Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - by appointment on Saturday. For tour appointment call 715-478-7478

Kelly Corner

Tuesday, Dec. 27th Girls Basketball @ Crivitz 5:45 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29th Boys Basketball @ Gillett 5:45 p.m.

*Christmas and New Year's Break Friday, Dec. 23rd through Sunday, Jan. 1st with school resuming on Monday, Jan. 2nd.

**JV Girls Basketball games start @ 6:00 p.m. with varsity to follow, unless otherwise indicated. The time for the Boys Varsity games is yet to be determined.

Laona Elementary Announces No School Dates

The School Board of the School District of Laona, at their November meeting, approved four additional days during the 2011-12 school year in which K-6 students will not have school. Those dates are: Tuesday, December 13; Friday, February 17; Thursday, March 22; and Wednesday, May 2. These four dates are changes to the initial district calendar.

These four days will be used by the elementary staff to work on the District's "Response to Intervention" plan that must be submitted to DPI by the end of this school year. RTI requires that staff provide alternative instruction to students who are not making adequate yearly progress. This alternative instruction must be provided prior to a student being considered for special education services.

These four dates will also be announced on the District website and reminder notices will be sent home prior to each date.

7-12 high school students will still have school on the above dates. State instructional guidelines allow for this type of scheduling as the yearly required minutes of instruction for elementary students are substantially less than for 7-12 students.

Kiss a Pig

The Senior Class will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for their class. There will be a jar for each staff member that agreed to participate at every girls and boys home basketball game and also in the library throughout school hours. The staff member with the most amount of money in their jar by Friday, January 20, 2012 will be asked to show up for the halftime of the boys' game on Thursday, January 26, 2012 to kiss the pig on the center of the court.

Yearbook

Laona School District is now taking orders for the 2011-2012 Yearbooks the price is \$20.00. If interested please contact the high school office 715-674-2143.



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Alyssa Hitchcock



Some of you may remember eating bratwurst at Schaefer's Brat Wagon last summer with the proceeds going to support Alyssa Hitchcock's competition in world-class weight lifting.

Here's the scoop on how she did. She squatted- 210kg or 463lbs for 5th place in the world. She benched- 115kg or 253.5 lbs for 8th place, and she deadlifted- 222.5 kg or 490.5 lb for 2nd place and a Silver Medal

Her total: was 547.5 kg or 1207lbs. This was good for 5th in the world.

She went 9 for 9, which means she made all of her lifts successfully. (1st time ever in her career!) She did awesome!

The competition was held in the Czech Republic, and the money raised at the Brat Wagon helped immensely in covering the expenses.

Roberts Lake Association shows its appreciation



Chief Jeff Hersh of the United Area Rescue Squad of Wabeno accepts a \$1,000 donation from Roberts Lake Association board member Lee Lamers.

Accepting a \$500 donation from the Roberts Lake Association is Scott Shaffer, Chief of the Wabeno Fire Department presented by Lee Lamers Roberts Lake Association appreciates the support it receives from area residents and businesses at its annual Roberts Lake Fisheree and Corn Roast held each August and donates back to the community with donations and scholarships. \$100 was also presented to Bob Ebben for the Pickerel Fire Department.



Engineering, Health Occupations Academies coming to Nicolet College for 9th, 10th graders

Fun-filled, hands-on activities await Northwoods 9th and 10th graders enrolling in the upcoming Engineering and Health Occupations Academies at Nicolet College.

Both academies will run simultaneously for five consecutive Saturdays, Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25. The academies will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Nicolet's Rhinelander Campus.

Each is designed to teach students engineering and health care skills and also give them a chance to explore careers in these fields along with learning skills they will need to be successful in college.

"Everything will be designed around hands-on activities that are fun for students," said Susan Kordula, academy coordinator and director of Admissions and PK-16 Pathways at Nicolet College. "They'll learn a wide variety of skills that will help them succeed in high school and also be better prepared academically when they start college."

Students in the Engineering Academy will learn the engineering design process to define, build, and test solutions to a variety of engineering problems. Projects will teach students how to apply math and science skills and demonstrate the importance of communication when working as an engineer. Careers they'll explore include those in the aerospace, electrical, manufacturing, architectural and mechanical engineering fields.

Those in the Health Occupations Academy will learn about and get to practice a wide variety of basic medical procedures on Nicolet's new, high-tech patient simulator known as Meti-Man. This state-of-the-art, computerized mannequin can re-create hundreds of medical scenarios. Students will use critical thinking skills to work through different medical situations in a safe learning environment.

Tuition for each academy is \$487, however, a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will cover all tuition costs for students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

For more information, or to register, students should contact their high school guidance counselors or Nicolet's Susan Kordula at 715-365-4464, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4464, or by email at skordula@nicoletcollege.edu.



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3 Cups rolled oats
1 Cup ground "All bran" cereal
1/2 Cup Chocolate or Vanilla Whey Protein
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup skim milk
2 eggs (or 4 egg whites if you want to reduce the fat)
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup natural creamy or chunky peanut butter
6 oz. dark chocolate candy bars chopped
All ingredients are available at Schaefer's IGA

Preheat oven to 350 In a large bowl, combine the oats, cereal, whey protein, baking powder, and salt. Set aside.
In a mixing bowl, mix the milk, eggs, vanilla and peanut butter until smooth and creamy. Combine the two mixtures until well blended. Using a mixer with kneading beaters will work best. It's really thick. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray and make golf ball size cookies by rolling in your hands and then press them flat. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes.
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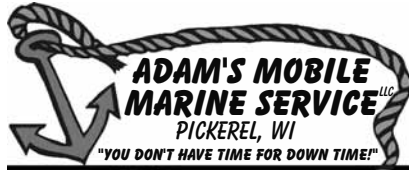
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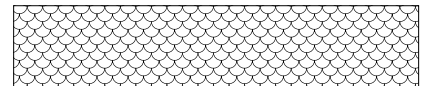
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The Nicollet AARP Christmas party was held at the Waubee Lodge on Tuesday December 13, 2011. An excellent meal of chicken and ribs was enjoyed by the 56 members who attended the event. The entertainment was provided by Robert Mengel with members joining in to sing songs and dancing to the music. Door prizes were given out and everyone had a good time. Emi Litke sang Silent Night in German, Polish, and English with the group joining in on the English version.

A tradition at the annual Christmas party is to swear in those who were elected to the Board. In most cases board members were reelected, but the two newly elected were Ruth and Ray Dehne. Each board members term in office is for two years so half the Board is up for election each year. There is no regular meeting for the Nicolet AARP in December due to the holidays. The next meeting will be on Tuesday January 23, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

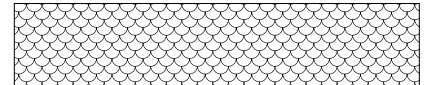
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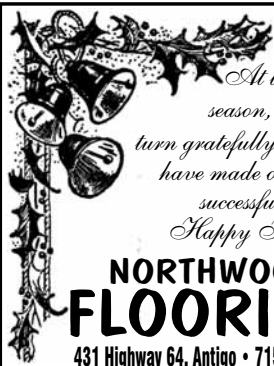
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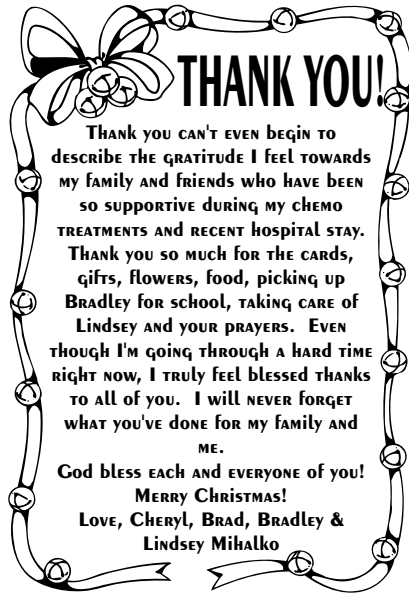
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Merci!

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We would like to thank everyone for the generous outpouring of support and love during our current battle with cancer. The cards, gifts, flowers, prayers, CaringBridge posts and positive energy are all contributing to the healing process. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Love and hugs, Kim and Jim Odekirk

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With the holiday season just around the corner, you may want to consider giving a gift to your community this year.

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Tips to avoid winter weight gain

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Crandon, WI- If you're trying to maintain a healthy weight, holiday parties and cold weather can sabotage your good intentions. However, some thoughtful planning should help you stay on track.

"Research shows that many adults gain a pound or two during the winter and the extra weight tends to stick around all year," says Susan Nitzke, Extension nutrition specialist and professor emerita of nutritional sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Nitzke adds that it is much easier to avoid gaining weight than it is to take it off and keep it off later on.

The following tips can help you avoid gaining weight during the cold winter months:

- Keep active. Don't turn into a couch potato when the weather is cold. Walk the dog an extra few blocks each day, play active games with your kids, take the stairs whenever you can, and add a few minutes of brisk walking whenever you're at the mall.
- Keep a log of your food intake. "Writing down everything you eat and drink is a good way to spot potential problems such as late-night snacking or eating a bag of chips while watching TV," says Nitzke.
- Monitor your beverages. Drinks such as coffee treats, hot chocolate, eggnog and super-sized soft drinks can have as many calories as a cheeseburger. For example, a 16-ounce peppermint mocha can have 400 calories or more.
- Start and end your meals with low-calorie foods that fill you up. For example, a first course of a small salad or soup helps you stick to small portions of calorie-rich foods like meat dishes or potatoes with gravy. Savor a sugar-free cup of coffee or tea after the meal, or have a piece of fruit for dessert instead of rich cakes, cookies and pastries.
- Use a small plate. A small serving looks larger and seems more satisfying when it takes up more space on your dinner plate. The same principle applies to glasses, bowls, and dishes for beverages and snacks.
- Plan ahead for healthy eating at special occasions. If your winter calendar includes family feasts, office celebrations, football parties and holiday events, stick to strategies that can help you enjoy your favorite foods in moderation. With a personal party plan, it's easier to enjoy the gathering without being tempted to overindulge, says Nitzke.

For more information on healthy winter lifestyle choices, see Extension Families, Food and Fitness website (<http://www.extension.org/pages/24057/video-tiny-tastes-can-total-big-calories-over-the-winter-holidays>) or contact Lynn McCorkle, your local University of Wisconsin-Extension Nutrition educator, at <http://forest.uwex.edu>.

Way to Step it Up!



4-Kindergarten

The Wabeno Elementary Students have been stepping it up this year. The students have been working on using good manners this holiday season. This month's winners have been 4K-Ms. Pizzi's class, Kindergarten - Mrs. Champine's Class and 2nd Grade - Mrs. Laurie Christianson's Class. This week we learned how to give and accept a gift politely.



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MINISTRY WEIGHT MANAGEMENT ORIENTATIONS
Mondays • January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Noon
Thursdays • January 5, 12, 19, 26
By Appointment
Ministry Rehab Services (YMCA)
Tuesday • January 10
Noon
Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
Spruce Room
 Ministry Weight Management, an HMR Program, is the nation's leading provider of weight treatment services. Orientation sessions are FREE.
 Registration needed, call 715.361.2316

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and located at:
 Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
 401 West Mohawk Drive, Tomahawk
 Ministry Saint Mary's Hospital
 2251 North Shore Drive, Rhinelander

Free Blood Pressure Checks
Monday • January 2 & 9
 3 - 5 p.m.
 Rhinelander Area Food Pantry
 436 N. Brown Street, Rhinelander
Tuesday • January 3
 10 - 11 a.m.
 Rhine Haus CBRF
 1207 Mason Street, Rhinelander
 Hosted by Ministry Home Care
 For information, call 800.643.4663



Respecting Choices Advance Care Planning
Thursday • January 5
 1:30 p.m.
 Ministry Saint Mary's Hospital
 Patient and Family Service
 Lower Level
 Registration needed, call 715.361.2120

Community Blood Center Blood Drive
Friday • January 6 & 20
 Noon - 5 p.m.
 Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
 Spruce Room
 For information, call 800.280.4102

Cancer Support Group
Thursday • January 12
 10 a.m.
 James Beck Cancer Center
 2251 North Shore Drive, Rhinelander
 For information, call 715.361.2027

Life Talks: Companionship for the Bereaved
Tuesday • January 17
 Noon - 1 p.m.
 Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
 Spruce Room
 401 West Mohawk Drive
 Hosted by Ministry Home Care
 For information, call 800.643.4663

Infertility Support Group
Wednesday • January 18
 6 p.m.
 Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
 Spruce Room
 Registration needed, call 715.453.6498

Alzheimer's Support Group
Thursday • January 19
 1 p.m.
 Oneida County Senior Center
 1103 Thayer Street, Rhinelander
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