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Ellis Island Traveling Exhibit in Laona



For millions of immigrants, Ellis Island served as the Golden Door to America. Through photos and the words of the immigrants, this Discovery Traveling Exhibit celebrates a vital chapter in American history. The exhibit is a treasure trove of fascinating facts and true stories that connect us to our ancestors.

The Ellis Island Traveling Exhibit will be at the Edith Evans Community Library in Laona from January 23rd thru January 27th. This exhibit is Free to everyone.

The hours are: Monday 8:00 - 3:00, Tuesday 8:00 - 5:00, Wednesday 8:00 - 3:00, Thursday 8:00 - 3:00, Friday 8:00 - 12:00.



Forest County Economic Development survey

The Forest County Economic Development Partnership is currently seeking feedback from Forest County businesses. The emphasis of the current survey is focused on Manufacturing and Specialty Services.

If your business operates in either of those two sectors and you have not received a survey, please call Jim Schuessler at 715 784-6069. Whether you wish to grow your business or are seeking support or ancillary services to support your business, there is no better time to be heard than right now.

Forest County means business.

Valentines for Veterans at Wabeno Elementary



The Wabeno Area Elementary School is working on a special project to send Valentines to Veterans. If you are a veteran or know of any veterans, please contact the Wabeno Area Elementary School. Call 473-3633, ext. 4505 to leave the veteran's name and address. Or, if you prefer, write it down and send it in with a student, or mail it to us at PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566.

We would like the names and addresses of all veterans that would like to receive valentines by Friday, February 3rd.

Homeless count planned for Forest, Langlade, Oneida & Vilas Counties

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012, The Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N*WISH) Continuum of Care will be joining anti-homelessness coalitions around the state in completing a local count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Staff and volunteers will count persons in shelters on the night of January 25, as well as persons residing on the streets, under bridges, or similar places not meant for human habitation.

"The Point In Time count is a state-wide initiative, and this is the third year we will be searching for unsheltered individuals in the Northwoods," states Erica Brewster, Family Living Agent for UW Extension in Oneida County. She explains that teams of volunteers will be in Rhineland, Minocqua, Crandon, Eagle River, Antigo, and other larger communities to locate individuals sleeping in public places. They have requested support from local law enforcement to help identify locations known to be shelters for homeless individuals. "This is just one piece in the process of helping identify and assist individuals in crisis," Brewster states, "but it's challenging because

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Crandon Lions Fish-O-Ree this weekend on Saturday



Remember! Kids like fishing and the Fish-O-Ree. This photo from our files was taken at a previous Lions Fish-O-Ree.

The 30th Annual Crandon Lions Club Fish-O-Ree will take place this weekend, Saturday, January 21st. The fun will begin at noon at the Crandon Community Building.

There will be cash prizes for the heaviest walleye, northern pike, perch and panfish. First place in each category is \$50, second is \$25 and 3rd is \$10.

And even if you don't enjoy ice fishing, you can get in on a great winter get-together. There will be the paddle wheel, dice games, and children's games. The food and refreshments have always been good at this event, and they will be this year as well.

Don't forget the raffle drawing at 6:00 p.m. First prize is \$500, second is \$250 and third prize is \$100. And remember the cardinal rule of winning a raffle-you have to buy a ticket!

The Lions will use the proceeds to do good things around the community, and you can help them by attending.

Forest County Chamber Releases Year End Report

The Forest County Chamber of Commerce has much to be proud of, with a year of successes to report for 2011. The local economy is showing some signs of improvement and chamber fundraisers were up, overall.

The Chamber office and Forest County Visitor Center continues to be a hub of activities for efforts and groups throughout the county, hosting more than 70 meetings at this facility. Work was completed on the addition to the center which provides much needed storage and a great new office. The board was pleased that the Forest County Economic Development Partnership (FCEPD) voted to utilize this office for the partnership and the new executive director.

The Chamber continued to improve upon member services and opportunities, including advertising and promotional opportunities, utilizing social networking, and increased efforts to bring visitors and commerce to the area. These efforts have contributed to the net membership increase of 12 new members over the past year from throughout Forest County. The Chamber is currently 138 members strong!

The 2011 Forest County Visitors Guide saw an increase in the number of ads placed by area businesses, and over 22,000 guides have been distributed, to date.

As mentioned, all fundraisers reported solid numbers during 2011. The Spring Run Raffle was a low point with a deficit of just over \$500 less than budgeted. This had everything to do with the last day of sales at the spring off-road races being cancelled due to the excessive rain. The Fall Run Raffle was a little better, coming within \$200.00 of the projected \$5,000.00.

The Chamber provided volunteers for the Crandon International Off-Road Raceway to staff the food and beverage ticket booths at the races. Over 130 shifts were filled and the Chamber receives a donation from the raceway for providing these volunteers.

A brand new event for the Chamber turned out to be a huge fundraiser. The Shank Open Golf Outing, created by Darcy Bradley, had a great turnout for its debut. Nearly 100 participants enjoyed the day at Nicolet Country Club and helped make this fundraiser one of the Chamber's biggest.

The Kentucky Day Festival saw, perhaps, its biggest crowd ever until a violent storm shut the event down by mid afternoon. Despite the early close, this event saw its biggest number of vendor spaces rented (with a near total

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The phantom car of Lake Metonga

By Mike Monte

It's winter here in the Northwoods, and we have a little more idle time on our hands. With that idle time comes a little more story telling in the taverns and restaurants. This winter, a story has been circulating about a car found under the ice in Lake Metonga.

Somebody asked me if I had heard about a car going through the ice on Lake Metonga, and I said I had not. He didn't know any details, so I started asking around. I was told that an ice fisherman had spotted the car in 40 feet of water on a fish camera. Then I was told about the mystery car again, with the theory that the car must have gone through the ice last year at the end of the ice fishing season.

Speculation was high on who owned the car, and the thought was that the vehicle must have been a junker that the owner didn't care about, but that he was going to be in big trouble when they recovered the vehicle from its watery resting place and checked out the plates. Soon I was wondering who owned the car.

I called Chief Packard to find out what he knew about it, and he said there wasn't any car in the lake. What? The story had become fact at this point!

Packard said that the Department was contacted on the situation. It seems that an elderly man and woman were fishing out from the beach, and they told another guy about the car they had seen on their camera. Nobody knows who they were, but the fellow they told marked the hole with a board, and the police arrived.

Chief Packard said they submerged their underwater camera, but all they saw were large boulders and lots of zebra mussels. There goes the interesting rumor, up in smoke before winter has a good start. How disappointing!



New Family Living Agent Jenette Chiamulera-Jones

The University Wisconsin Extension would like to introduce Jenette Chiamulera-Jones as the new Family Living Agent for Florence, Forest, and Vilas Counties. Jenette was born and raised in Florence County and is happy to be back in the Northwoods. She has two young daughters that she is excited to have grow up in Northern Wisconsin with the same experiences she had as a child.

Upon graduation from Florence High School Jenette attended the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh where she received her Elementary Education degree with a minor in Health Education in 2004. She taught Kindergarten for the Port Washington-Saukville School District right after her graduation until taking this position with UWEX. In 2007 Jenette obtained her Master's Degree in Education from Cardinal Stritch University. Jenette's focus was Early Childhood Education/Development and Brain Development.

Jenette was highly involved in moving the Port Washington-Saukville School District forward. Connecting with the families of Saukville was very important to Jenette and she leaves behind many friends. Jenette views herself as a lifelong learner and continues to keep up to date with the ever changing research based initiatives. Jenette is excited to share her experiences, schooling, and passions for education and parenting with the families in Florence, Forest, and Vilas counties. From prenatal care to working with the elderly and everything in between Jenette is here as your resource.

Jenette is located in the Florence National Resource Center: 5628 Forestry Dr. Florence, WI 54121. Her phone number is: 1-715-528-5490 Ext. 118 and to email her: Jenette.Jones@ces.uwex.edu

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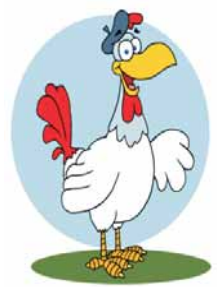
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American Legion Post 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot

Don't miss the next American Legion "Gunless" Poultry Shoot, on Sunday, January 29, 2012, to be held at Sunset Resort in Townsend, starting at 1:00 PM. Bring along friends, they will be raffling off packages of meats, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages, 50/50 raffles, gifts and Gift Certificates donated by local businesses. Come on in, win a prize and help a veteran. Everyone is welcome.

The American Legion Sylvan Post 44, Wabeno is comprised of veterans committed to helping veterans, their families and the community.



Area Events

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**Forest County
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- 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, Carter. Closed meeting. Barb at 715-473-3904
- Forest County Big Book Closed AA Meeting: Thurs. 7 p.m., 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 Cty. 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 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. Call 715-478-3371 for more info or appointment.
- Forest Cty. Health Dept. Services: Call 715-478-3371 to inquire about. WIC, Lifeline, Women's Cancer Control & Health Screening, Infant & Toddler Car Seat Ed./Install., 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) 476-4800.
- 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 mont. 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, Hwy 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 - Mon., Jan. 23, Laona Town Hall, 3:30-4; Wed., Jan. 25, Crandon Health Dept. 1:30-4. Call 715-478-3371 for appointment.

**FSA 2012 DCP/ACRE Sign Up
 Begins January 23, 2012**

RHINELANDER, WI - January 12, 2012 As planning preparations for crop season 2012 get underway, Susan Hunter, director of the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Rhinelander, reminds producers that enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) and the Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program will begin on January 23, 2012, and continue through June 1, 2012. This is the final year of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill).

USDA computes DCP and ACRE direct payments using base acres and payment yields that were established years ago for each farm. Payments will be issued in October to eligible producers at rates established by statute regardless of market prices.

"It is important for producers to begin the enrollment process," said Hunter. "Annual contracts are required to be signed to receive program benefits. Producers are advised to contact the local office to set up appointments as soon as possible before the June 1, 2012, deadline."

All signatures must be obtained by the deadline for both the DCP and ACRE programs. In all cases, it is the responsibility of the operator and owners of a farm to obtain and submit all necessary signatures on election and enrollment forms by the June 1, 2012, deadline.

For more information or to schedule an appointment to enroll in the DCP/ACRE programs, please contact the local county FSA office or visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. Producers in Oneida, Florence, Forest, and Vilas Counties should call the Rhinelander FSA office at 715-362-5941, ext 100.

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice,
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FOR RENT - PICKEREL: Corner of Hwy 55 & DD. 1 1/2 Bath, 2 BR apartment with 2 car garage & commercial store-front. Perfect space for a gift shop/realtor/lawyer. Call Ralph at (715)484-7344. Emp/etc27

FOR RENT - PICKEREL: Beautiful 2 BR, 1 BA furnished home on Arbutus Lake. Lake access - 100' frontage w/ pier, & on the snowmobile trail. Located off of Hwy DD in Pickerel. Would make a great vacation home! Security deposit & references required. Call Ralph at (715)484-7344. Emp/etc20

FOR SALE: Lake home with 150' frontage on Arbutus Lake Pickerel, WI. 26 x 46 one owner home with beautiful lake views from the huge picture windows. 3 bedrooms with large closets, 2 baths, 2 fireplaces. Large living room and kitchen. Full walk out basement, partially finished with kitchen, bath and shower & living room with fireplace. Work shop area with garage door. Unattached 1 1/2 car garage, great fishing, swimming, boating, snowmobiling. Reduced \$270,000 or make offer 715-484-7192 P28Betc29

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 - White Lake-3.55 Ac 4 Bdrm, 1 and 1/2 Baths, detached garage. \$89,000
 - Town of Wolf River-2 Bdrm, 1 Bath recently remodeled w/longue in groove ceiling, new flooring, new cabinetry, new bath. \$89,900
 - White Lake- 3 Bdrm, fireplace, 4 Season room, deck and an extra lot. \$68,000
 - Crooked Lake Area-2 Cottages one w/2 Bedroom 2 bath, great room, hickory cabinetry, granite counter tops, 2nd cottage 2 Bedroom 1 bath needs work. \$49,900
 - Town of Stephenson-2 Bedroom mobile, 1.74 Acres, many updates including furnace, carpeting & vinyl, drilled well, septic and patio some furnishings included. \$42,000
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Grocery

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Wisconsin 511 Travel Information System approaches milestone

Three-year-old system about to log one millionth phone call
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT's) 511 Travel Information System is approaching a major milestone – the one millionth call made to the interactive system since it was established just three years ago. The 511 telephone system and its companion web site (www.511wi.gov) serve as a one-stop source for timely information regarding traffic and road conditions around the state.

"Ensuring that our existing transportation network operates as safely and efficiently as possible remains a top priority, and the many services offered through the 511 Travel Information System and State Traffic Operations Center are crucial to help attain that goal," said WisDOT Secretary Mark Gottlieb. "Especially as we enter another winter season, providing convenient access to road conditions is vital to help motorists make informed travel decisions."

People who call 511 can use their phone's keypads or the system's voice recognition software to access a list of options offering information on traffic incidents and highway conditions, transit and roadside services such as rest areas, as well as links to the Division of Motor Vehicles, State Patrol, sheriff's departments and commercial airports. The 511 web site offers many of the same services including maps that graphically display winter road conditions, traffic camera images and messages displayed on electronic message boards throughout the state. Since the 511 web service went online in January of 2009, it has recorded over 3.4 million visits.

The State Traffic Operations Center utilizes a statewide network of pavement sensors, traffic cameras and data gathered from state and county officials to provide up-to-the-minute traffic and travel information. To ensure public safety, drivers should access the 511 system prior to a trip or leave it in the hands of a passenger.

Wabeno Area School Dist. Financial Aid Night

Upward Bound staff will host a free financial aid presentation at Wabeno High School on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Wabeno High School Library. Any senior planning to enroll in a postsecondary education program in 2012-2013 is encouraged to complete an online financial aid form. Completion of a financial aid form is the first step in accessing money for higher education. Information will be provided on the financial aid process, scholarships, and additional resources. Wabeno High School Seniors and their parents are especially encouraged to attend. Also, seniors and a parent are encouraged to apply for a PIN number so they can e-file their FAFSA. Upward Bound programs are designed to provide fundamental support to participants in their preparation for postsecondary education. UB staff has worked closely with Wabeno High School staff for the past 21 years to bring expanded

Bids & Notices

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA 2011
Jan. 23 - 27
LUNCH MENU
MON: Turkey w/ gravy, brown rice, green beans, dinner rolls, cranberries
TUES: PBJ sandwich, chicken dumpling soup, strawberries
WED: Salisbury steak, mashed pot & gravy, corn, pears
THURS: Sub sandwich, baked beans, potato chips, fruited jello
FRI: Breaded chicken patty, ranch potato wedges, banana
PLEASE NOTE - FULL SALAD BAR & MILK AVAILABLE DAILY
Menus are subject to change

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA 2011
Jan 23 - 27
BREAKFAST MENU
MON: Cheese omelet, hash brown sticks
TUES: Cereal, apple crisp
WED: Plain or blueberry pancakes, hot ham slice
THURS: Oatmeal, banana
FRI: Assorted muffins, yogurt with fruit
PLEASE NOTE - JUICE, MILK & HOT CHOCOLATE AVAILABLE DAILY
Menus are subject to change.

NOTICE

The Forest County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 1 pm at the Crandon Public Library
All are welcome

ATTENTION

TOWN OF NASHVILLE

The Town of Nashville's North Collection Site Hours will be changing as of January 14, 2012. The Collection Site will now be open on Saturday's from 9:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. instead of 9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
/s/Town of Nashville Town Board

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 715-889-0371
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INVITATION FOR QUOTES

The School District of Wabeno Area is requesting sealed quotes for lawn care. Quotes will be accepted until 3:00 P.M., **Wednesday, February 1, 2012** at the district administrator's office, Wabeno Elementary School or mailed to Richard H. Huisman, Interim District Administrator, PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope "lawn care quote".
Lawn care quotes should be written to reflect monthly charges. Lawn care is required for a period of six months and the district will make payments for the service once a month for the months of May through October.
Lawn is to be mowed and trimmed around the elementary and high school buildings, elementary playground, the lot next to the bus garage and the area around the parking lots. Lawn is also to be mowed and trimmed at the football and baseball fields (behind the elementary school) and at the softball field (located downtown).
The lawn care provider must provide proof of liability insurance and is expected to check on the lawn and mow regularly, keeping the grounds looking neat and well-kept.
For further questions about this quote, contact Laurie Pries, Head of Maintenance at 473-5122 x5138.
The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.
The quotes will be opened at the regular school board meeting on February 1, 2012.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA BOARD OF EDUCATION

Wednesday, February 1, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.
Community Room 115 - Wabeno Elementary School
AGENDA

- I. Call to order.
- II. Roll call.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Approval of the agenda.
- V. Appearances:
 - A. There are no appearances scheduled at this time.
- VI. Action items:
 - A. Review and possible approval of the minutes of the regular School Board Meeting held on January 4, 2012.
 - B. Review and possible approval of vouchers and payroll.
 - C. Discuss and take possible action on a support staff letter of resignation.
 - D. Open and take possible action on lawn care quotes.
- VII. Information items:
 - A. Allison Space, Elementary School Principal.
 1. PBIS update
 2. Assessment update
 3. Spring picture date set for Feb. 24
 4. 4-6th Grade dance
 5. Recap of Winter Fest Week
 6. January Count update
 7. Update on other news and events
 - B. Tim Brauer, Jr/SR High School Principal.
 1. PLC update
 2. AWSA Conference review
 3. PBIS update
 4. Plan Testing for Sophomores
 5. ASVAB Interpretations for Juniors
 6. Semester grades/programs review
 7. NLC AD's meeting information
 8. Winter sports update
 - C. Richard H. Huisman, Interim Administrator.
 1. Review and information obtained at the School Board Convention.
 2. Preliminary work on a school calendar for 2012-2013.
 3. Preliminary budget report for 2012-2013 school year.
- VIII. Enter closed session under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) and (e).
 - A. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.
- IX. Return to open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed session and to handle the following open action items.
- X. Adjourn

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

educational opportunities to students. For more information contact Lynn Warning at 715-478-5480 or Michele Rocole at 715-473-5122.

Public Library Hours

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Wabeno Public Library - FALL HOURS: Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Fri. Noon - 4:30; Wed. Noon - 6; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed SUNDAYS. 715-473-4131
Crandon Public Library - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Noon • 715-478-3784.
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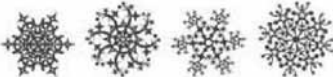
Museum Hours

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

Wabeno Area School Dist. Late Start Jr/Sr High & No School Elementary

ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012
The Jr/Sr High School students will be starting school 1 hour 50 minutes late on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Parents should expect buses to arrive 1 hour 50 minutes later than normal on this day. Dismissal time will not change. The purpose of the late start is for staff cooperative planning time. Parents who bring their children to school and children who walk to school should arrive at 10:00 A.M.
For Elementary students there will be no school on the first Wednesday of the month. This new initiative is to provide the elementary staff with more collaboration and training time for improving our reading and math programs. State instructional guidelines allow for this kind of scheduling as the yearly required minutes of instruction for elementary students are substantially less than those for Jr/Sr High students.
Additional Jr/Sr High late starting/Elementary no school dates during this school year will be March 7 and May 2.

I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....



Death Notices

SUSAN CLAIRE (O'DONNELL) MILLER from Crandon, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving children. She was born September 12, 1937 in Crandon to the late Harry Sr. and Jane (Hambley) O'Donnell.

Susan attended Crandon School until she married Raymond John Miller, Sr. on July 17, 1954, her high school sweetheart and the love of her life! Some of her hobbies included bowling, painting, drawing, knitting, crocheting, embroidering, bead work, cross stitching, and puzzles. Her employment over the years was Quaker of Kenosha, Purolator Courier, drove Medi-Van, Friday Nite Fish Fry at Ducks Bar, Crandon Court House, Crandon Nursing Home, and babysitting in her home.

She is survived by one son Raymond John Jr. (Kathy) Miller, five daughters Carla (Brian) Connor, Cathi (Kent) Signorella, Carin (Troy) Monnot, Christine (Special Friend David Krabbe) Miller, and Claire 'Boo' (Rick) Krawze. 17 grandchildren: Luc (Courtney) Connor, Adam (Adrienne) Connor, Brea (Chad) Albrecht, Conrad Connor, Cara (fiance, Walter Panick) Gerald, Glenn (Liz) Evans, Catelyn Miller, Melonie (Mark) Pitts, Kevin (fiance, Niki Mills) DeMars, Heather (Matt) Chayer, Tonya DeMars, Catherine, Erica, Elizabeth, and Grace Krawze. 14 Great-Grandchildren: LJ (Ditto), Gavin, Reese Connor, Hailey Connor, Stella Albrecht, Walter and Andrew Panick, Megan, Richard, Koltan, Makenzie Pitts, Riley Johnson, Kevin III and Ryan DeMars. One sister: Mary (Bill) Schultz. Two brothers: Tom (Pat) O'Donnell, Harry Jr. (Rita) O'Donnell.

Preceded in death by her parents Harry and Jane O'Donnell, husband Raymond, brother John Ralph, grandchildren Amanda DeMars and Clayton Evans.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Crandon. Funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Barbara Bolz officiating. Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon is assisting the family. Online condolences at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

WILMER "WILLIE" L. SPARKS, age 76, Crandon, passed away December 30, 2011 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Iron Mountain. A gathering of family and friends will be on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon. Memorial Service will follow at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon is assisting the family. Online condolences at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

MARY JANE ERDMAN, age 85, of Townsend, WI passed away January 11, 2012 in Antigo. Mary Jane was born on April 10 1926, in Madison WI to William and Jennie (Woodland) Gassman.

She was active in church all of her life by teaching Sunday school, playing hand bells. She was a member of the Alter Guild, and the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society. She enjoyed playing bridge, and a member of the Homemakers, and the American Legion.

She will be missed by her daughter Laura Tilbury, her four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two sons.

Visitation was held Saturday, January 14, 2012 from 9 to 11 a.m. with a funeral service following, at St. John Lutheran Church Townsend, WI. Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted family with arrangements. Online condolences at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com



Walentowski - Anderson engagement announced



Martha and Brent Walentowski together with Joy and Tim Anderson are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Andrea Walentowski and Jamie Anderson. A June ninth, 2012 wedding is planned.

MARY BLACK, who over the years served as a tremendous asset to her family and the entire Pelican Lake community, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012 after a long battle with cancer. She was 56 years old.

Born Dec. 5, 1955 in Wauwatosa, she was a daughter of the late Milton Joseph and Pearl Edna (Venzke) Tischendorf. She married Charles Black on June 13, 1998. He survives.

Mary Black graduated from Germantown High School and took a variety of college courses in continual pursuit of education. She was employed as vice-president and bookkeeper for Ace Welding Supply, which she owned with her husband, in Rhinelander.

She was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Pelican Lake. An active member of her community, Mary Black was involved in a number of volunteer and civic activities. She enjoyed traveling, the arts, dance and music, and being the best wife and mother possible. She took special delight in watching her daughter, Lydia, ride horses.

In addition to her husband, Charlie, and daughter, Lydia, both at home in Pelican Lake, survivors include her five brothers and sisters, Peggy Tischendorf, Milwaukee, Jane (Dave) Katalinich of Frederick, Colo., Sally (Jim) Ritterbusch of Freeport, Ill., Joe Tischendorf of Campbellsport and John Tischendorf of Kewaskum; her husband's six brothers and sisters, John Black of Appleton, Mary Ann (Tom) Callum of Wheaton, Ill., Margaret (former husband Paul) Lafond of Madison, and Alice, Joe and Tim Black, all of Shawano; many nieces and nephews; several grandnephews and grandnieces; and her mother-in-law, Mary Black of Shawano.

Funeral services will be held at St. John Catholic Church in Pelican Lake on Saturday at 3 p.m. Rev. Jim Jackson will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Pelican Lake.

The Verkuilen Funeral Home, Little Chute, handled arrangements.

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Letters to the Editor

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Vet's Corner

New Law Change Increases Insurance Coverage for Veterans

WASHINGTON Some Veterans covered under the Veterans Group Life Insurance program (VGLI) now have the opportunity to increase their coverage to the current maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program.

"Currently, 70 percent of the Veterans covered under VGLI are under age 60, have less than \$400,000 of coverage, and will greatly benefit from this law change," said Allison A. Hickey, Department of Veterans Affairs under secretary for benefits.

Under the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010, enacted on Oct. 13, 2010, Veterans can increase their coverage by \$25,000 at each five-year anniversary date of their policy to the current legislated maximum SGLI coverage, presently, \$400,000.

To date, approximately 21 percent of eligible Veterans have taken advantage of this opportunity, resulting in nearly \$113 million of new coverage being issued.

The VGLI program allows newly discharged Veterans to convert their SGLI coverage they had while in the service to a civilian program. Before enactment of this law, Veterans could not have more VGLI than the amount of SGLI they had at the time of separation from service.

For example, those who got out of the service prior to Sept. 1, 2005, when the maximum SGLI coverage was \$250,000, were limited to \$250,000 in VGLI coverage.

Now on their first five-year anniversary, these Veterans can elect to increase their coverage to \$275,000. On their next five-year anniversary, they can increase the coverage to \$300,000, and so forth.

The additional coverage can be issued regardless of the Veteran's health. To be eligible to purchase this additional coverage, the Veteran must:

- ** Have active VGLI coverage,
- ** Have less than the current legislated maximum coverage of \$400,000,
- ** Request the additional coverage during the 120-day period prior to each five-year anniversary date, and
- ** Be less than 60 years of age on the five-year anniversary date of his or her coverage.

Eligible Veterans are notified of this opportunity a week before the start of the 120-day period prior to their anniversary date, and twice more before the actual anniversary date.

For more information about VA's Insurance Program or other VA benefits, go to www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000. Veterans are also encouraged to visit VA's web portal eBenefits - Insurance.

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sell-out) and its biggest profit to date! Improvements made to the theme of this event, along with the quality improvements to the food booth at this event, were also big factor. Following suit, the Kentuck Classic Car Show saw a record number of cars entered and the biggest crowd ever. This event netted a very a nice profit, with \$1,300.00 more than budgeted.

The Art in the Square Committee introduced some great additions to boost this popular fall event. The scarecrow contest, the pumpkin painting venue for kids, and the pie contest all proved to be a draw, with attendee numbers up over recent years. As with the Kentuck Fest, the quality with the food booth and food court improvements received lots of positive feedback. This fundraiser also saw its biggest profit to date.

Community participation was the key to this year's successful Flashlight Parade and Tree Lighting, which saw over 100 attendees. The Chamber decided to 'up their game' and decorate a much bigger tree this year. In an effort that included Wisconsin Public Service, Asplundh, Schaefer's Food Mart, Citgo, Bob Becker Electric, the City of Crandon, and several volunteers, Leslie Meyer and committee put nearly 5,000 new LED lights on the 55 foot spruce tree in the middle of the courthouse square. Although this event is not a fundraiser, the feedback was remarkable.

Sponsorships for fundraisers were up significantly throughout the year. Volunteer numbers were also up. These are fantastic individuals and businesses that truly make a difference in their community! It is either that or the volunteer t-shirts were a really big hit!

The Chamber's integral role in bigger efforts and regional initiatives has produced some great momentum. Efforts include the FCEDP, Forest County Tourism Commission (room tax), the formation of the Off-Highway Vehicle Park group, and the five-County Branding Grant initiative, to name a few.

Watch for updates on new and continuing efforts throughout this coming year!

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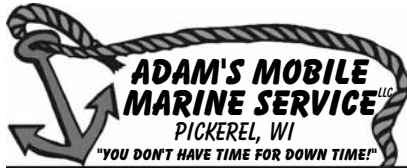
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The Forest County Humane Society's energetic fundraising team will host "Poker For Paws". Saturday January 28th. This is a Texas Hold Em Tournament that will be held at Mole Lake Lodge and Conference Center. \$1st place prize is \$600 and the tournament will be paying out the top 8 places.

Please contact Kevin Danielczak 715-889-0678 for more info and to sign up.

Forest County Humane Society News

Submitted by Susie Sturzl

"So how's it going with the Humane Society?" I am asked that several times a week. As we start the New Year I'd like to report that at this time we are holding our own. The New Board of Directors, as well as myself, are working continuously on making sure that the Humane Society is doing all it can for abused and homeless animals. We still need your continued support, without that we would not be able to do the work that we do.

We ended our year with a dog being mauled to death in the Mole Lake area. I rushed him to the vet for medical attention, but it was too late. He had a severed trachea; his ear had been torn off, along with several other puncture wounds. I cannot express enough the importance of having a collar and ID tags on your dog. Make sure YOUR dog is contained to YOUR yard. You choose to get a dog; they don't choose an owner. Their love is unconditional, make sure you're responsible and protect them.

We're happy to report our adoptions are going

well. Our dogs as well as our cats have been finding awesome homes! We still have several adult dogs waiting patiently for a home. I'd like to point out that there are several benefits for adopting adults. You know how big that they will get, as well as their temperament. They have already gone through those sometimes rough puppy years; plus you are giving a shelter dog the family it deserves!

Our next fundraising event is "Poker for the Paws" January 28th at Mole Lake Lodge and Conference Center. Registration is 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. We will be serving lunch and having raffles. Hope to see you there!

New Board Members inducted into Forest County Humane Society.

During the October 2011 meeting of the Forest County Humane Society a new board and a new board of directors was put in to place.

The new board members are; Lindsay Erickson-President, Al Thompson-Vice President, Donna Pfeiffer-Secretary, and Becky McFadden-Treasurer. The new board of directors are; Rick Calhoun, Julie Calhoun, Jackie Nowak and Rob Jaeger.

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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: Friday, February 17; Thursday, March 22; and Wednesday, May 2. These dates are changes to the initial district calendar.
 These 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

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 These 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.
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 Play begins at 1:00 p.m. sharp at the Townsend town hall 16564 Elm Street, Townsend. All entry fees are returned in prizes. Coffee will be available. No smoking please!
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Homeless count Cont. from pg. 1

homelessness has a different face in rural areas. Here, people are often "couch surfing" or are doubled up in homes meant for single families, or sleeping in ice fishing shanties or storage units."

In 2010, Forest and Oneida counties were among three rural counties with the largest growth in homeless families in the state, as reported by the state Division of Housing. Frederick Place Homeless Shelter in Rhinelander has provided shelter to over 100 individuals and families since opening January 31, 2011, and has turned away even more. New Hope Shelter in Crandon, a 14-bed shelter that opened in August 2010, has also seen a steady stream of visitors. These shelters are providing service at a time of increasing need and as federal stimulus funded programs begin to sunset, forcing some back onto the street.

The collected data will assist the community in understanding the scope and size of local homelessness; engage in programs and service development, and to apply for state and federal funding. Sheltered individuals are now counted monthly; this state-wide count occurs twice a year, once in January and once in July.

The Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N*WISH) Continuum of Care was established in November, 2009. This collaborative system exists to increase awareness and acts to promote and support the eradication of homelessness in Forest, Langlade, Oneida and Vilas Counties. N*WISH is comprised of various state government and public housing agencies; non-profit & faith-based organizations as well as funding and advocacy groups.

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Senior Chatter

Submitted by Kate Schultz

Envision A New You

Fresh perspectives, fresh starts, shaping new health tracks...January takes the prize as the month with the most excitement. Our thoughts have a powerful impact on our self-esteem and ultimately our success.

Healthy self-esteem helps you feel secure and worthwhile. People with good self-esteem tend to have an accurate view of themselves and often do well in school, work and relationships. So how do you get a more balanced view?

Identify trouble spots. Are you tormented by memories of situations that ended badly for you? Identify strategies that could lead to better results, and mentally replay a revised scenario with a successful outcome.

Listen to self-talk. Each of us has an internal dialogue. Are these thoughts mostly negative about yourself or others? Straighten out these twisted thinking patterns and stop comparing yourself to others.

Do a reality check. Ask for honest feedback from people you trust, and listen nondefensively. Consider whether your goals and standards are realistic, and give yourself credit for your progress to date.

Best advice: Lose the labels. Know that you are loved. Develop your strengths and remember that you are unique.

What is the Number 1 nutritional deficiency among Americans? Many Americans are iron-deficient. Low iron causes fatigue and can lead to anemia, a condition in which your blood has a lower-than normal number of red blood cells. Young children and pregnant women are at higher risk of iron deficiency. The amount of iron absorbed from the diet depends on many factors. That's all the more reason to eat a well-balanced and varied diet.

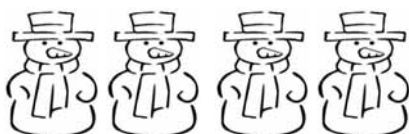
TIP: Foods rich in vitamin C help your body absorb iron better. A blood test can determine if your iron levels are low and whether you need an iron supplement. An iron-rich diet includes foods such as lean meats and poultry; fish such as clams and sardines; leafy greens of the cabbage family; and beans such as black-eyed peas and legumes, iron-enriched cereals and grains.

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WEDNESDAY - February 1 - Quiche w/bacon & vegetables, breakfast potatoes, fresh fruit, biscuit, coffee cake
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Potawatomi to build \$150 million, 382-room hotel in Menomonee Valley

MILWAUKEE (Tuesday, Jan. 17) - Potawatomi Bingo Casino, owned and operated by the Forest County Potawatomi Community, announced today it is building a \$150 million hotel adjacent to Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley, creating new jobs and generating millions in additional revenue for the Milwaukee area.

The proposed hotel will be a 4-star/4-diamond level hotel with 382 rooms, a full-service spa and a casual-dining restaurant. The Tribe is hoping to break ground in late spring/early summer 2012. Construction is expected to last about two years.

"Since opening Potawatomi Bingo Casino more than two decades ago, the Forest County Potawatomi has shown a continued commitment to investing in Milwaukee," said Mike Goodrich, Potawatomi Bingo Casino General Manager and Forest County Potawatomi tribal member. "A hotel development will strengthen the long-term sustainability of the Casino."

The hotel will add about 230 permanent jobs to the 2,500 already existing at the Casino. Analysis shows about another 800 indirect jobs being created by other local businesses that will benefit from visitor, supplier and employee spending. An additional 995 jobs will be created during the project's construction.

"We believe this hotel project is the next logical step, to not only ensure that Potawatomi Bingo Casino remains a vibrant entertainment choice, but also makes it an attractive destination on a regional level," said Goodrich.

This project is intended as an amenity for the Casino's guests with a focus on attracting new Casino visitors. Independent experts believe that a hotel at Potawatomi Bingo Casino will grow the overall hotel market in Milwaukee. Analysis shows about 90 percent of stays at a Potawatomi Bingo Casino hotel would be visitors to Milwaukee who are currently not spending the night at an area hotel.

Significant economic and revenue benefits from this project will be seen locally and statewide. The project will generate nearly \$10 million per year in additional revenue for the City and County of Milwaukee, VISIT Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin from property, sales, exposition and personal income taxes.

The hotel development will be smoke-free and green, designed to include a number of environmentally friendly features. Measures under consideration include an innovative storm water capture system, the use of native plant species in the landscape design and other energy and water efficiency measures to aid the environment and control long-term costs.

With 3,100 slot machines, nearly 100 table games, a 1,300-seat bingo hall, four full-service restaurants and a 500-seat theater, Potawatomi Bingo Casino is the largest tribally owned and operated casino in the country without an adjacent hotel.

"The Forest County Potawatomi and Potawatomi Bingo Casino take great pride in being an important part of attracting tourists to Milwaukee," said Goodrich. "This hotel project is just another way we are able to achieve that goal."

The project is subject to securing financing and approval of development plans.

Greenfire Management Services will serve as the development's project manager.



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Crandon Police Garage Nears Completion



These men are making sure the door is set and flush

By Boyd Monte

In a previous issue of the Pioneer Express, we informed the public that the Crandon Police Department were adding an attached garage to the building. The Pre Apprentice Carpentry Program at Job Corps in Blackwell built the structure, a stick frame building with a steel interior, attached it to the existing station, set the doors and re-roofed the police station. The project will be completed next week. Vinyl siding will be put on in the spring of the year.

The Electrical Program at Job Corps will be coming in the following week to do all of the electrical work and the painters program will handle any repainting that needs to be done.

The City of Crandon purchased all of the supplies for the project and the Job Corps supplied all of the workers. It is a great hands on learning experience for these young men. They did all of the work under supervision of instructors. If a job was not done correctly, it was taken apart and redone. Chief Dan Packard said, "Job Corps did a fantastic job and it is a wonderful program to have here in the Northwoods, where a person can have an opportunity to learn a craft firsthand."



Some guys worked on this wall while others placed electrical boxes



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