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Forest County snowmobile trails have opened

Forest County Snowmobile Trails have officially opened at noon Monday, December 29, 2014 for the snowmobiling season. Forest County has 405.79 miles of state funded trails maintained by five snowmobile clubs including the 100 Mile Snow Safari, Lumberjack Memorial Trails, Black Bear Sportsmen's Club Trails, Three Lakes-Brule River Trails and the Tombstone-Pickerel Trails.

Snowmobile clubs have been panning the trails and have all trails cleared and signed. Many trails will only be in fair condition on the opener due to former unfrozen ground and warm temperatures. Please use caution on all trails, especially in wetlands that may have water or slush for the next few days. With recent snowfall and plummeting temperatures, trail conditions will improve greatly in the next few days.

If you appreciate smooth trails now is the time to volunteer some time, effort or cash at one of the donation boxes found at our area businesses that sponsor our trail system. Support our local snowmobile clubs! New snowmobile maps are also available at local businesses thanks to a sizeable donation by the Sugarbush Snowmowheelers. Thank you Snowmowheelers! This annual donation and trail updates by Dan Peters results in an awesome snowmobile trail map!

Please remember that the Nicolet State Trail and the Wolf River State Trail are the ONLY snowmobile trails in Forest County that are currently open for ATV and UTV use. The Forest County Snowmobile Trail Ordinance currently prohibits ATV, UTV use and motor vehicle use on all other snowmobile trails in Forest County. Snowmobile trails are "NOT" open for motor vehicle use or hunting. Those driving trucks on trails are subject to fines through the County Snowmobile Trail Ordinance.

Updated trail condition reports can be found daily by calling the Forest County Snowline at 715-478-2040 or logging onto the Forest County website at www.forestcountywi.com. This website also provides links to local snowmobile clubs which provide daily grooming reports and maps of the Forest County trail system.

The Department of Tourism also provides statewide snowmobile travel conditions at www.travelwisconsin.com/snow-conditions-report/snowmobile.



This picture of a pileated woodpecker looking for insect larvae for lunch was taken this winter. He was working over an old maple tree behind the car wash in the City of Crandon during the last warm spell. There are pileated pecking holes in the old trees still standing in the courthouse square, and this is possibly the same bird. Pileated woodpeckers are usually found in deep woods situations and down in spruce and balsam swamps in the winter months. They add a splash of color to a winter day.



Learn about climate change from U.W. Madison & the Crandon Library

Ever wonder how global warming affects the Northwoods of Wisconsin? Will it have an impact on Forest County's tourism industry? How about our logging industry? Dramatic reports from the Arctic and Sahara don't seem to translate to life in the upper Midwest. Yet the scientists at UW-Madison have studied it thoroughly, and they're excited to share what they know.

The Crandon Public Library is one of 21 libraries across the state that has joined forces with UW-Madison and Wisconsin Library Services to deliver a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Changing Weather and Climate in the Great Lakes Region. The free online course will run from February 23 to March 31; enrollment is underway at www.coursera.org/course/greatlakesclimate.

MOOCs are non-credit classes that allow people to participate no matter where they live, as long as they have an internet connection. They sign up online and watch videos, participate in discussion forums, read

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Happy New Year From the Pioneer Express!

Revolving Loan Fund to open in Forest County

The Forest County Economic Development Partnership is excited to announce the formation of the Forest County Revolving Loan Fund. Through partnerships with Associated Bank, CoVantage and Laona State Bank over \$80,000 has been developed for the fund.

The fund will be administered through Northern Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit 501c3 Forest County entity formed for just this purpose through FCEDP.

What is a revolving loan fund?

A revolving loan fund (RLF) is a gap financing measure primarily used for development and expansion of small businesses. It is a self-replenishing pool of money, utilizing interest and principal payments on old loans to issue new ones. While the majority of RLFs support local businesses, some target specific areas such as healthcare, minority business development, and environmental cleanup.

Establishing a revolving loan fund provides access to a flexible source of capital that can be used in combination with more conventional sources. Often the RLF is a bridge between the amount the borrower can obtain on the private market and the amount needed to start or sustain a business. For example, a borrower may obtain 60 to 80 percent of project financing from other sources.

Quality RLFs issue loans at market or otherwise competitive and attractive rates. Many RLF studies have shown that access to capital and flexibility in collateral and terms is more important to borrowers over lower than market interest rates. RLF programs should be built on sound interest rate practices and not perceived as free or easy sources of financing. RLFs must be able to generate enough of an interest rate return to replenish the fund for future loan allocations. With competitive rates and flexible terms, a RLF provides access to new financing sources for the borrower, while lowering overall risk for participating institutional lenders.

Eligible uses for RLF loans include:

- Operating capital
- ** Acquisition of land and buildings
- ** New construction

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Federal court decision relists gray wolves in western Great Lakes region as endangered species

DNR News Release

MADISON - In response to a lawsuit brought against the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia has vacated a 2012 decision, which delisted wolves as an endangered species.

This decision returns wolves in the Great Lakes Region, including Wisconsin, to the Federal Endangered Species List.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Department of Justice legal staff are reviewing the decision to determine how it will impact Wisconsin's wolf management program. Further information will be available following this review.

Immediate implications of this ruling include the following:

Permits which allow lethal removal of wolves issued to landowners experiencing wolf conflicts are no longer valid. The department will contact permit holders to alert them.

The department is not authorized to use lethal control as part of its conflict management program. Non-lethal tools and depredation compensation remain available. Those experiencing conflicts with wolves should contact the United States Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Service for conflict investigation and management assistance. USDA Wildlife Services can be reached at 800-228-1368 in northern Wisconsin or 800-433-0663 in southern Wisconsin.

Wisconsin's law allowing landowners or occupants of the land to shoot wolves that are in the act of depredating domestic animals on private property is no longer in force. Landowners may not kill wolves in the act of attacking domestic animals.

Under Federal Law, you cannot use dogs to track and train on wolves.

Wisconsin is not authorized to implement a wolf harvest season.

While the department is disappointed by this decision, we will continue to support USFWS and their original decision to delist and remain confident in the State of Wisconsin's ability to manage our wolf population.

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Area Events

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CRANDON CELLULITE SISTERS ACTIVITY NOTICE



Meeting for 2015
WHEN: Wednesday, January 7th at
10 am
WHERE: Crandon Public Library

WHAT: Coffee & Treats/Planning

WHERE: Crandon Public Library
Meeting Room, Lower Level
Questions or Input:
Carol - 715-478-2749

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS) Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday and 6 p.m. Monday. Wednesday children's after school. Located at N9834 Hwy. 55 in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.
- •AA Meetings Back Door Group Open meetings Monday & Thurs. Nights @ 7 p.m., Lakewood Lakes Country Library. Call Mary 715-276-2318 or Bill 715-882-3512.
- Forest Cty. Humane Society Open to Public every Sat. from 1-3 p.m/ Call for more info. 715-478-2098.
- $\bullet \textbf{AA Meeting} \cdot \textbf{Saturdays}, 9 \, \text{a.m.}, \textbf{Wabeno Fire Station}, \textbf{side entrance}.$
- Crandon VFW Post Meets the second Tuesday of the month. 1:30 p.m. at the VFW building, 104 N Forest.
- Support Group for Parent of Children with Disabilities Call Chris at 715-784-0058
- Crandon Lions Board Meetings 1st Monday of the month at Crandon Library at 6 p.m. (downstairs). Member Meeting 3rd Monday of month at 5:30 p.m.; Oct., Nov. and Dec. at Duck's Bar.
- Bridge Community Dental Health Clinic This project 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 Shepard Lutheran Church Hwy 55N, Crandon. Sunday service 9:30 a.m. with Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday. Wednesday service at 6pm with Communion on 2nd & 4th Wednesday. No Saturday services.
- Christian Motorcyclist Association Spirit Ryders Chapter of Langlade & Forest Co. Invites you to attend out monthly meetings on the last Saturday of each month. Call George 715-350-1679.
- Crandon PTO 1st Monday of month, 6-7 p.m., Elementary Cafeteria.
- •Wellbriety 12 Step Meeting (AA/NA) Monday nights, 6 p.m. ? lower level of FCP Museum, Mish Ko Swin Lane, Crandon. Call Brooks Boyd for more information at 715-889-4902
- $\bullet \textbf{Town of Lincoln Board Meetings} \bullet 2 \text{nd Monday of each month}, 6 \text{ p.m.}, \\ \textbf{Town of Lincoln Hall}.$
- •AA Meeting Antigo Hospital, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Forest County Humane Society Meeting Every Fourth Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Crandon Library.
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- the Nashville Town hall, corner of Hwys. 55 & B, Crandon Interested vendors or for more information call Linda at 715-484-7271.

 •AA meeting Crandon AA Big Book Study group Thursdays, 7-?, New location, VFW Post
- Tops will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:30 am with meeting following at 7:45. For more info call 715-473-2613.

Hall, 104 N. Forest Ave., Crandon, behind the Laona State Bank parking lot Contact #715-784-

- AA Meeting White Lake, Sunday Morning, 10:00 AM at the White Lake Fire House. Mike 175-882-8901 or Bill 715-882-3512
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Crandon Library News

Downton Abbey Premiere Party

The Crandon Public Library will hold a special event for 'Downton Abbey' fans on Sunday, January 4th, 2015 at Lafetta's restaurant in downtown Crandon. Join your friends and the library staff at 7:30 p.m. for trivia and a brief overview of seasons 1-4. Season fives premiere episode will begin on the big screen 'live' at 8:00 p.m. and we will provide tea, coffee, hot chocolate and desserts to enjoy while we watch. Feel free to wear your glamorous 'upstairs' attire, or simply have fun with our photo-booth props. This event is free to the public with no registration required.

If interested in catching up on past seasons of 'Downton Abbey,' the Crandon Public Library has seasons 1 thru 4 available for check out.

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Librarians are at the forefront of the information age. They know how to find the best sources of information online and in print. And they have led the way both in making them available and teaching how to use them. In 2015, the Crandon Public Library will have a renewed focus on this idea of information literacy. Information literacy is a

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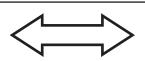
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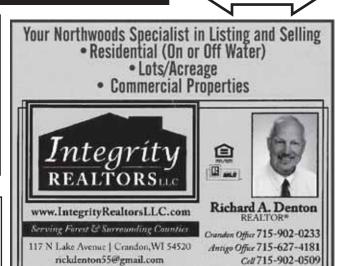
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critical life skill in today's information jungle. It means knowing when a book may be more helpful than a computer. It means knowing how to find, evaluate and use information from a variety of sources. It means knowing what questions to ask. Is the information complete? Accurate? Is someone trying to sell me something? Good decisions depend on good information. To succeed in the 21st century, our community must have citizens who can find, analyze and use information to find a job, start a business, raise a healthy family, plan for retirement and everything in between. The Crandon Public Library is a place for education and for self-help and it is here for everyone. **Book Club to Meet**

The Crandon Public Library's Book Discussion group will meet on Thursday, January 8th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the book titled The Light Between the Oceans by M.L. Stedman. The book is an engaging story about A lighthouse keeper and his wife living off the coast of Western Australia who after two miscarriages and one stillbirth, hear a baby's cries on the wind. A boat has washed up onshore carrying a dead man and a living baby. The couple decide to raise the baby as their own only to be reminded that there are other people in the world and that their choice has devastated one of them. Copies of the book are available at the Library's front desk. The book club is open to all members of the community with no registration required.

The Crandon Public Library is open six days a week: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. -Noon. Please visit us online at www.crandonpl.org.





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Death Notices

Gaylord M. Johnson, 87, a longtime Wabeno resident who had been residing in Green Bay, passed away peacefully at his home he shared with his daughter and son-in-law Debra and Jim O'Connell. He was born on February 1, 1927 in Suring to John and Rosetta (Luebeck) Johnson.

Gaylord attended grade school and high school in Suring. After graduation in 1945 he entered into the United States Army. He served in Japan during WWII. Gaylord achieved the status of Staff Sergeant and was discharged honorably in 1947. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 44 of Wabeno. He worked for the Wisconsin Public Service, starting in 1947 in the accounting department and retired as a meter man in 1989, after 42 years. Gaylord married his high school sweetheart Ruth Firgens on June 18, 1949, in Suring. She preceded him in death on July 6, 2013.

Gaylord was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Townsend, where he served as a trustee, and elder. He enjoyed raising his own plants and took pride of his garden. Gaylord loved to travel, camping, fishing, hunting, and watching college and professional football on tv.

Gaylord is survived by his daughter, Debra (Jim) O'Connell and their children Travis (special friend Jennifer Frank) and Tiffany Glasl, who enjoyed spending time with their grandpa. Further survived by his daughter Valerie Barbiaux and her children Tyler and Trent Barbiaux. Two brothers Allen (Marcia) Johnson and Gary (Caryl) Johnson, two sisters Joan Edgren and Betty (Steve) Vissors. Sister-in-laws; Ann Johnson, Susie (Gary) Mercil, Mildred Borneman, Phyllis Firgens, and Viola (Don) Laitinen. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews, and pets Mindi and Piker. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter Judy, sister Myrt Kytzman, and brothers; Orland, Vernon, Don, and Dieck.

Funeral service for Gaylord was held on Saturday, December 27 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Townsend. Rev. Stephen Mueller officiated. Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Suring. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

A memorial fund has been established in Gaylord's name for St. John's Lutheran Church.

Gaylord's family would like to send a special thank you to longtime friend Cliff Engels for his frequent visits, his Wabeno friends and neighbors, Pastor Mueller and St. John's Lutheran church members for their long time support and prayers, and Pastor Amy Engebos of Bethel Lutheran in Green Bay for her comfort to the family.

William R. Boness, 65, of Crandon, passed away on December 26, 2014 under the care of the Crandon Nursing Home and his sister. No formal services will be held. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Todd B. Talmont, 52, of DePere, died Monday December 15, 2014, at St. Mary's Hospital in Green Bay. He was born November 5, 1962, in Milwaukee, to Harry and Irene (Pasternak) Talmont.

Todd Loved the Packers and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was a machinist and worked at Metal Cut in Milwaukee for 18 years.

Todd is survived by his mother Irene of Blackwell, Mary (Jerry) Henry of Sabastian, FL, uncle John (Nancy) Pasternak of Iron River, MI. He is further survived by cousins: Dave Kobylarz of Armstrong Creek, James Kobylarz of Armstrong Creek, Bonnie (David) Edlebeck of Niagra, Susan (Tim) Kuklinski of Armstrong Creek, John Henry of West Palm Beach, FL, and Nancy (Mark) Garrelts of Armstrong Creek. Todd was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, Aunt Dorothy, and Uncle Kasmer Kobylars.

No formal service will be held for Todd. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Letters to the Editor

We welcome letter 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 one brother Dwayne (Sharon) Pasternak of Oak Creek, aunt Special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

For Old Time's Sake

Back in the late 1930's, the Catholic church in Crandon burned, and the photos below are of the aftermath. The church was rebuilt, and is still in use today. Frosty Zink did the rebuilding, and a sad time was made well again.





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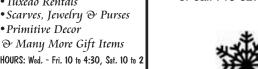




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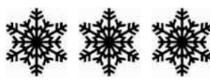
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Monday - January 12 - Chicken Dijon, roasted red potatoes, herbed carrots, dinner roll, jello

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Tuesday - January 6 - Turkey tetrazzini, egg noodles, tossed salad, fruit, wheat bread, carrot cake

Tuesday - January 13 - Pork boiled dinner with potatoes, carrots, rutabaga and cabbage, oat bread, Oh Henry bar **CRANDON**

Wednesday - January 7 - Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onions and celery, fruit, biscuits, brownie

Wednesday - January 14 - Egg salad sandwich on whole wheat, potato soup, cucumber salad, peach cobbler **LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE**

Thursday - January 8 - Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, onions and celery, fruit, biscuits, brownie

Thursday - January 15 - Egg salad sandwich on whole wheat, potato soup, cucumber salad, peach cobbler ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - January 6 - Turkey tetrazzini, egg noodles, tossed salad, fruit, wheat bread, carrots cake - BINGO -Tuesday - January 13 - Pork boiled dinner with potatoes, carrots, rutabaga and cabbage, oat bread, Oh Henry bar -**MUSIC-**

Thursday - January 8 - Spaghetti and meatballs, noodles, salad, peaches, garlic bread, cookies

Thursday - January 15 - Sauerkraut and ribs, mashed potatoes, pears, rolls, bars **WABENO HOME DELIVERED MENU**

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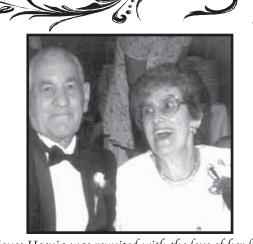
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Wabeno site manager Diana Reed at 715-850-0626 (home) or 715-473-4333 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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Thank Yous & Personals

Hope we have served you well and we thank you for your business!



Joyce Hoenig was reunited with the love of her life Ramon "Slink" Hoenig on December 17, 2014, in Heaven.

Thank you. Words can not express our deep appreciation for all the love and kindness we received in our time of loss. A special thanks to our family and friends, Weber-Hill, Flowers From The Heart, Praise Chapel, Pastor Farr, Church of God, Pastor Edward Leiskau, AGI Nursing Home, Bill Pitts and to each individual that helped with food, cards, flowers, phone calls, thoughts and prayers.







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- · Learn how to walk on ice if there's no way around it. Lean slightly forward and bend your knees; take short, shuffling steps to increase traction and move slowly. If possible, use stationary objects such as a vehicle or a wall for support as you walk, or put hands out to the sides for balance.
- Drive slowly even if the roads seem clear. There could be black ice -- an extra-thin, nearly invisible layer of ice that usually forms in shaded areas. Take extra care on bridges and overpasses.
- Give yourself more room to stop if driving in winter conditions.
- · Brake gently, and accelerate and decelerate slowly to avoid skids.
- Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.

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Monday - January 5 - Alvin and Nelma to Rhinelander (Argonne and Crandon standby) - Bus driver - Hal Weisnicht

Tuesday - January 6 - Carter, Wabeno and Laona to Rhinelander (Crandon standby) - Dan Pedersen

Wednesday - January 7 - Armstrong Creek, Cavour, Crandon, Laona, Newald and Popple River to Iron Mountain - Bus driver - Hal Weisnicht

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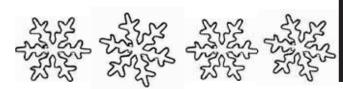
"Tow truck operator killed while working on the Interstate." "Trooper's cruiser hit by out-of-control vehicle." The Wisconsin State Patrol wants to put an end to tragic headlines like these.

"Drivers have a legal and moral responsibility to help protect those who must work on the side of busy roads while fast-moving vehicles pass by just a few feet away," says Wisconsin State Patrol Captain Nicholas R. Wanink, North Central Region – Wausau Post.

"To prevent needless deaths and injuries, drivers must comply with Wisconsin's Move Over Law, which provides a safety zone for workers on the side of roadways," Captain Wanink explains. "By law, drivers are required to shift lanes if possible or at least slow down when encountering a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck, highway maintenance vehicle or utility vehicle that is stopped on the side of a road with its warning lights flashing. On Interstate highways and other divided roads with multiple directional lanes, you must move over to vacate the lane closest to the law enforcement or other emergency vehicle if you can safely switch lanes. If the road has a single directional lane or you can't safely move over because of traffic, you must reduce your speed until safely past the vehicle."

A citation for a Move Over Law violation costs \$263.50 with three demerit points added to your driver's license. But the greatest danger of a violation is not an expensive fine. A recent dash cam video from a State Patrol cruiser shows a Move Over Law violation that came shockingly close to seriously injuring a trooper during a traffic stop. The video is available online on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's You Tube channel (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=egkuuPkXUPg&fea ture=c4-overview-vl&list=PL4DA6884A140EBFC8).

"During winter months, law enforcement officers, tow truck operators and others frequently must respond to crashes and assist motorists whose vehicles have slid off icy roads. Officers and other workers are in danger of being hit while inside or outside their vehicles by out-of-control or speeding vehicles that did not move over," Captain Wanink says. "By obeying the Move Over Law, drivers can protect themselves, their passengers, our officers and others who work on highways from serious injuries and deaths."



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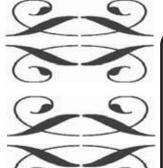
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Community Blood Center hopes giving blood will become New Year's Resolution

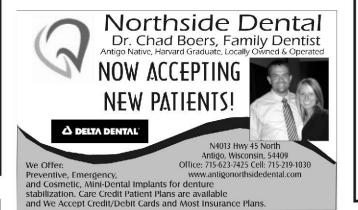
APPLETON/FOX CITIES, DECEMBER 30 - If you're looking for a meaningful resolution to make for the New Year, the Community Blood Center is hoping you'll consider giving blood. January is National Blood Donor month, which recognizes the importance of the volunteer blood donor program and the impact blood donors have on their communities.

Blood drives and volunteer donors are needed more than ever at this time of year when there are typically shortages because there are fewer blood drives and donors are on vacation. The winter season also brings with it inclement weather and colds and flu that can keep donors away.

As donors struggle with cold or flu symptoms that can hang on for weeks, The Community Blood Center's collections are down, and that means more healthy volunteers are needed to donate immediately to help ensure adequate blood products are on the shelves for the 18 area hospitals served. Donations help patients with cancer and other diseases, organ transplant recipients, and help save the lives of accident victims.

'We feel the impact flu season has on blood collections this time of year. Blood donors can only give blood if they are feeling well on the day of donation," said Dr. Todd Straus, Chief Medical Officer at The Community Blood Center. "I urge anyone who is feeling healthy to take a few minutes in their busy schedule to share their good health and save lives by donating blood."

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from a major automobile accident can require 50 units (pints) of blood or more. Seriously burned patients can require 20 units or more. The components of one pint of donated blood can help save the lives of three people.

The Community Blood Center is a non-profit organization that has worked with generous blood donors to provide a steady, reliable blood supply for hospital patients for over 50 years. Volunteers who donate blood support the local blood supply at 18 hospitals in Wisconsin and Michigan. Partnerships are created with community groups, schools, churches, and businesses to hold over 125 blood drives each month. On average, the Community Blood Center must collect about 1,200 pints of blood every week to meet the needs of hospital patients served. Donor centers are located in Appleton, Little Chute, Oshkosh, and Woodruff.

Appointments may be made online at www.communityblood.org or by calling 800-280-4102.

American Legion Post 44 "Gunless" Poultry Shoot

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Climate Change Cont. from pg. 1

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The online class will be taught by Steve Ackerman, UW professor of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences and director of the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies, and Margaret Mooney, the cooperative institute's director of education and public outreach. The class also will incorporate information from NOAA's National Weather Service Weather-Ready Nation initiative and findings from the recent National Climate Assessment and the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts.



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Revolving Loan Fund Cont. from pg. 1

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Capitalizing a Revolving Loan Fund:

Initial funding, or capitalization, of a revolving loan fund usually comes from a combination of public sources, such as the local, state, and federal governments, and private ones like financial institutions and philanthropic organizations. Funding acquired for capitalization is usually the equivalent of a grant - it does not need to be paid back.

Most revolving loan funds have at least one local public source for capitalization combined with other sources. If capitalization is exclusively local, the RLF may have greater flexibility in lending, as state and federal involvement tend to include restrictions that may not fit local business needs.

State and local governments often use one or a combination of the following to capitalize an RLF: tax setasides, general obligation bonds, direct appropriations from the state legislature, annual dues from participating counties or municipalities, and funds directed from the state lottery.

The federal government is another common source of capitalization. Communities may apply for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (via the Rural Economic and Community Development Administration), Housing and Urban Development (via Community Development Block Grants), and the Department of Commerce (via the Economic Development Administration).

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While RLFs take on projects with above average risk, borrowers are held to standard financial requirements in loan security. Before a loan is issued, a business or prospective business usually supplies the following documentation:

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funding

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As a public investment instrument, revolving loan funds are expected to result in public goods - namely projects contributing to economic growth and community revitalization. Borrowers therefore, must address performance measures established by the loan administrator such as:

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- ** Private funding relative to public investment, and
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Administration:

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The FCEDP Revolving Loan Fund is modest in comparison to others, but the hope is to have more entities invest in our county and communities once a proven record of success is established. The small businesses is our focus until larger sums can be secured from other entities. The hope is lending will begin by the end of January. For more information about this fund please contact:

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Fun Facts About New Year's From the Net

New Year's is approaching, a time when millions of people will celebrate with food, new resolutions or a even kiss as the clock strikes 12. But how much do you know about the holiday? Here are 10 fun facts about New Year's.

The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years. Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday. He named the month after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. Caesar felt that a month named after this god would be fitting.

Forty-five percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions. The top resolutions are: to lose weight, get organized, to spend less and save more, to stay fit and healthy, and to quit smoking. While nearly half of all Americans make resolutions, 25 percent of them give up on their resolutions by the second week of January.

Be sure to eat leafy greens on New Year's. Tradition says that the more leafy greens a person eats, the more prosperity he or she will experience (what an incentive for staying healthy!). Tradition also says that legumes bring prosperity because beans and peas look like coins. No wonder why so many people eat black eyed peas on Jan. 1.

Many people ring in New Year's by popping open a bottle of champagne. Americans drink close to 360 million glasses of sparkling wine during this time. The bubbly stuff dates back to the 17th century, when the cork was invented.

About 1 million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop. The Times Square New Year's Eve ball drop came about because of a ban on fireworks. The first ball in 1907 was 700 pounds and was lit with 100 25-watt lights. The current ball puts the old one to shame (thanks to technology). Today, it is covered in 2,688 crystals, is lit by 32,000 LED lights, weighs 11,875 pounds and is 12 feet in diameter.

Remember the last scene in When Harry Met Sally, when Harry references a song after he and Sally kiss? It wasAuld Lang Syne, a song traditionally sung at the end of New Year's parties. Poet Robert Burns wrote it in 1788. Though most people do not know the words to Auld Lang Syne, the overall message is that people have to remember their loved ones, dead or alive, and keep them close in their hearts.

If Santa is the most common symbol associated with Christmas, then Baby New Year is the symbol most commonly associated with....you guessed it, New Year's! Baby New Year is often seen in a diaper, black top hat, and a sash showing the numbers of the new year. Myth states that he matures into an old man during the year.

Make sure to be surrounded by family or loved ones on New Year's Eve. The first person you come across in the new year could set the tone for the next 12 months. This applies to couples, as well. If a couple celebrating New Year's together does not kiss, the future of the relationship might be splitsville, so be sure to lay one on your significant other.

At the Mummers Parade in Philadelphia, 10,000 participants step through City Hall and perform in unique costumes. The parade dates back to mid-17th-century, incorporating elements from Irish, German, English, Swedish and other European heritages. The parade itself is divided into five divisions: a comic division, wench brigades, fancy division, string bands, and fancy bridges. If you are in the area for New Year's, be sure to check out this

According to statistics from the National Insurance Crime Bureau, vehicles are stolen on New Year's Day more than any other holiday. Don't think your old car is safe, either. In 2011, the 1994 Honda Accord was the most stolen car. To discourage car theft, make sure your car is in a populated area and always take your keys.





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Know the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease

Early detection empowers families to plan for the future

Visiting with relatives over the holidays may raise questions about the physical and cognitive health of family members. The Alzheimer's Association sees a rise in calls to its free 24/7 Helpline 800.272.3900 during and after the holiday season as people visit with those whom they may not see as frequently during the year. The Alzheimer's Association encourages people to call their Helpline should they have questions or concerns about a memory-impaired family member or friend.

Although some change in cognitive ability can occur with age, serious memory problems are not a part of normal aging. Recognizing the difference can help to identify when it may be time to see a doctor. The Alzheimer's Association has a check list of ten warning signs, along with examples of normal aging. Each person may experience one or more of the warning signs in different degrees.

Alzheimer's Association 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life. One of the most common signs of Alzheimer's is memory loss, especially forgetting recently learned information. Others include forgetting important dates or events; asking for the same information over and over; relying on memory aides (e.g., reminder notes or electronic devices) or family members for things they used to handle on one's own.

What's typical: Sometimes forgetting names or appointments, but remembering them later.

- 2. Challenges in planning or solving problems. Some people may experience changes in their ability to develop and follow a plan or work with numbers. They may have trouble following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills. They may have difficulty concentrating and take much longer to do things than they did before. What's typical: Making occasional errors when balancing a checkbook.
- 3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure. People with Alzheimer's often find it hard to complete daily tasks. Sometimes, people may have trouble driving to a familiar location, managing a budget at work or remembering the rules of a favorite game.

What's typical: Occasionally needing help to use the settings on a microwave or to record a television show.

4. Confusion with time or place: People with Alzheimer's can lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time. They may have trouble understanding something if it is not happening immediately. Sometimes they may forget where they are or how they

What's typical: Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.

5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. For some people, having vision problems is a sign of Alzheimer's. They may have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color or contrast. In terms of perception, they may pass a mirror and think someone else is in the room. They may not realize they are the person in the mirror.

What's typical: Vision changes related to cataracts.

6. New problems with words in speaking or writing. People with Alzheimer's may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a "watch" a "hand-clock").

What's typical: Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.A person with Alzheimer's disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

What's typical: Misplacing things from time to time, such as a pair of glasses or the remote control.

8. Decreased or poor judgment. People with Alzheimer's may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

What's typical: Making a bad decision once in a while.

9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.A person with Alzheimer's may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced.

What's typical: Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social

10. Changes in mood and personality. The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer's can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

What's typical: Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

Early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia is an important step in getting appropriate treatment, care and support service. Additional benefits to early diagnosis are as follows:

Benefits of an early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease

- · Benefit from treatments that may improve symptoms and help maintain a level of independence longer
 - Have more time to plan for the future
- · Increase chances of successfully finding a clinical drug trial through Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch, helping advance research
- · Participate in decisions about their care, transportation, living options, financial and legal matters
 - Develop a relationship with doctors and care partners
- · Benefit from care and support services, making it easier for them and their family to manage the disease

Anyone with questions about Alzheimer's disease and/or seeking information should contact the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 toll-free help line at 800.272.3900. Experts are available to take calls from individuals concerned with their own cognitive health as well as from family members and friends who may be concerned about a loved one and are seeking resources.

The Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected, and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's. Visitalz.org or call 800-272-3900.

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Laona students of the month

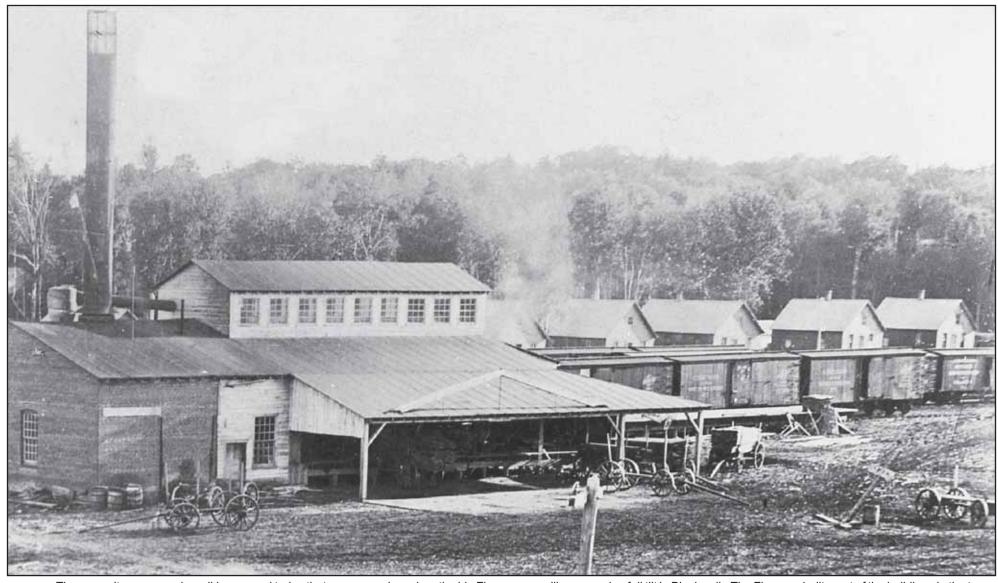


The School District of Laona would like to congratulate the students of the month. They are Holly Gilligan, Abagail Peterson, Nate Mihalko, Gavin Connor, Canton Chrisman, Hunter Cronauer, Josie Lempel, Tyler Piton, Seth Lempel, and Zach McLaughlin. Winner of the t-shirts were: Holly Gilligan, Canton Chrisman and Gavin Connor.





For Old Time's Sake - Blackwell



There aren't many people walking around today that can remember when the big Flanner sawmill was running full tilt in Blackwell. The Flanners built most of the buildings in the town, including the lovely big home that is now the Nu-Roc Nursing Home. The Great Depression ended the success of the Flanners in Blackwell. By 1932, the mill was in bankruptcy. Connor Lumber and Land tried to revive the mill in the 1930's, but the depth of the depression was just too hard to overcome, and the machinery and the Flanners went elsewhere.