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Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School named a Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition

MADISON — 169 public schools named Title I Schools of Recognition all have two things in common: high levels of poverty and remarkable successes in educating their students: they are Wisconsin Title I Schools of Recognition for the 2015-16 school year.

"Congratulations to these schools. They are examples of the academic success we need in all of our schools to close achievement gaps," said State Superintendent Tony Evers in announcing the Wisconsin Title I Schools of Recognition for the 2015-16 school year. "These awards recognize the work of students and their parents along with teachers, school administrators, and school staff members to break the link between poverty and low academic achievement. Their efforts will help us ensure that every student graduates college and career ready."

The Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition awards highlight schools that have demonstrated success in educating students from low-income families. To be eligible, schools must receive federal Title I funding to provide services to large numbers or high percentages of economically disadvantaged children and meet other achievement criteria. There were 117 Beating-the-Odds schools, including Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School.

Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School was selected for this award because they have significant numbers of students from low-income families and they also meet the state's test-participation, attendance, and dropout goals. Creek School District Superintendent Cory Hinkel. **Continued on page 20**

Tricia's Treasures expands in Crandon

Tricia's Treasures have officially purchased the building (currently known as "Second Chance Antiques") on February 15th. They will break through the brick wall sometime this week to adjoin the current store. They will continue to sell Jim and Peg's creations and their antique finds under consignment, but will also be spreading their wings and will bring in some new categories of merchandise. They are looking at expanding the garden section, adding boutique style clothing and maybe some furniture as well.

Tricia invites you to stop in and check out their progress the next couple weeks while they transition into the new space.

The Help for the Homeless **Hygiene Drive**

The Help For the Homeless Hygiene Drive is taking place from February 21 to March 13. The Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness coalition serves Oneida, Vilas, Forest and Langlade Counties, and donations remain in the community they were collected in.

The supplies most needed include cleaning supplies, feminine needs, bathroom tissue, diapers and baby care items, hair care, deodorant, dental care, body lotion, laundry soap, garbage bags, paper towels, and liquid body soap.

Collection sites in Forest County include New Hope Shelter and Transitional Housing in Crandon, School District of Crandon, Forest County Courthouse, Chamber of Commerce in Crandon, St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crandon, Lake Lucerne Gospel Chapel, Waba-Nun-Nung Gospel Chapel in Mole Lake and Sunnyside Community Church in Carter.

Job Center of Wisconsin will be in Forest County Workforce Development Center expansion

almost complete

On Tuesday, February 23rd Job Center of Wisconsin staff will be at the Forest County Economic Development Partnership Workforce Development Center. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Center is located in Crandon at the Forest County Visitor Center across from the County Courthouse.

The Forest County Job Center is currently under expansion. A resource room for job counseling, training and other opportunities will be available. Within the next 6 weeks a position of 20 hours a week will be in place to further the services we are able to provide.

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Hope Gilligan is a \$1,000 winner at H&R Block



Hope Gilligan receives her check from Marie Bryner

H&R Block is the world's largest consumer tax preparation company, and it is wrapping up its 1,000 Win, \$1,000 Daily Sweepstakes. 4,000 winners were selected over the four days that collected a total of \$4 million.

Daily winners are using their winnings for everything from medical needs, childbirth costs, vacations and plenty of electronics.

We have a local winner! Hope Gilligan, from Laona, collected her \$1,000 check last Monday evening at the H&R Block office in Crandon. Marie Bryner happily gave her the check. Hope wasn't sure what she would spend the money on, but was very sure that it would be put to good use. Congratulations Hope!

Forest County to attend Milwaukee **Sport Show**

Booth displayed in Flowers From the Heart The Forest County Advertising Committee has

registered for a booth at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sport Show slated for March 2-6 at the Wisconsin State Park Fair Expo Center. This popular show continues to celebrate everything outdoors. The committee is collaborating with the Forest County Chamber of Commerce, Forest County Tourism Commission and the Forest County Economic Development Partnership to develop a booth that will beautifully showcase all Forest County has to offer. You can check out the county booth ahead of time as the display will be set up at Flowers from the Heart, downtown Crandon, during the week of February 22-27.

Businesses in Forest County should plan to provide promotional items or appropriate brochures to display for distribution at the show. Up to 200 items per business are allowed. Items must be delivered by Monday. February 29 to the Forest County Chamber of Commerce at 116 South Lake Street in Crandon. Contact the Chamber office for further information (715) 478-3450.

IRS phone scam hitting Central Wisconsin

More than 50 people in Central Wisconsin have been receiving calls from scammers claiming to be the Internal Revenue Service, according to the Portage County Sheriff's Department.

The callers use fake names and IRS identification badge numbers, authorities said.

"Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting," according to a new

The Portage County Sheriff's Department says the scammers know a lot about the people they're calling and can even alter the caller ID to make it appear like the call is actually coming from the IRS.

Authorities urge you to never give out personal information over the phone.

If you receive a call, you can file a complaint at https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.sht ml or contact the IRS at phishing@irs.gov (Subject: IRS Phone Scam) or by calling 800-366-4484.

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Andrew Dorau Receives Distinguished Civilian Service Medal

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency announced an award to Andrew Dorau. Mr. Andrew Dorau is recognized for distinguished civilian service as the West Africa Regional Lead, CBEF Division, CTR Department, Operations, Readiness and Exercises Directorate, in coordination with Regional Contingency Team-Ebola, from August 2014 through March 2015.

Mr. Dorau coordinated the funding, development and delivery of personal protective equipment, diagnostic consumables, logistic support, subject matter expertise and the successful deployment of US military and contract diagnostic laboratory capabilities in West Africa. Mr. Dorau ensured that mission performers provided rapid diagnoses of over 4,000 clinical samples, with continuous sample analysis still ongoing in several locations.

Mr. Dorau contributed significantly to the strengthening of cooperative efforts with the Governments of Liberia and Sierra Leone to enhance biosurveillance, bio-safety and security activities, counter the proliferation of the Ebola virus, and establish an enduring threat reduction framework.

Andrew is the son of Linnea and Warren Dorau of Crandon, Wisconsin. He graduated from Crandon High School in 1996, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a Bachelor's Degree in 2000, and from Texas A and M University with a Master's Degree in 2008. Andrew served with the US army in Iraq and Afghanistan, where he was awarded two bronze stars. He currently resides in Virginia with his wife Monica and daughter Lyra.

The 3rd Annual Night of the Arts at Crandon High and Middle School

The Third Annual "Night of the Arts", a celebration of our Crandon High/Middle School students' vocal and instrumental music, forensics, and culinary and visual art talents, will be held February 22nd from 6-7:30 p.m. at the School District of Crandon. Events will take place in the HS/MS cafeteria, auditorium, band room, and MS classrooms.

This is a "freewill donations accepted" event, and we encourage everyone to dress for the occasion! See you

Tombstone Pickerel Sno Club events of fun!

Saturday, February 13th was a busy weekend. The weekend started Thursday and proved to be a big weekend in the Pickerel Pearson area. Hundreds of snowmobilers filled and patronized all the lodges, restaurants and bars each day. It started out with the pancake breakfast sponsored by the Pickerel Rescue Squad in the morning. Then off to the annual jump in by Jerry Schuhs Sportsman Lodge for food, beverages and the 1:00 Polar Jump - In. While the Jump in was going on, our three tractor/drags were on the trails doing a quick groom to and from the jump in event. So, when the snowmobilers hit land, they had groomed trails.



Ice Bowling for Relay For Life at Water's Edge

The 4th Annual Ice Bowling Tournament will be at Water's Edge, on Lake Lucerne, on Saturday, February 27th. Proceeds will benefit Relay For Life of Forest

Pre-register at Water's Edge or call Pete Davison at 715-478-2871 or email lldp@newnorth.net. The cost is \$60 for a four-person team or \$20 for a single. Have fun!

Crandon Community Blood Drive

A Crandon Community Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 501 North Park Avenue in Crandon.

To schedule a donation appointment, please call The Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102 or schedule a donation appointment online at www.communityblood.org.

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Individual sectional qualifiers include: 1st Place-Ben Kalata, John Doane, Ty Flannery, Jakob Hoyt. 2nd Place are Andrew Lehman and Bob Pfeiffer.

Front row Hope Dewing, Ben Kalata, John Doane, Ty Flannery, Jakob Hoyt, Becca Conway, Middle row: John Novak, Tanner Theisen, Dylan Bukovic, Andrew Lehman, Chase Dewing, Ryan Kalkofen, Kaileigh Lobrano, 3rd Row: Bob Pfeiffer, Jesse Littleton, Chris Votis, Jeff Lehman



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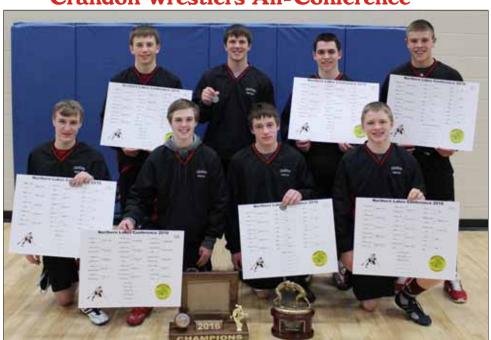
Tanner Moris wins Academic All-State award



The Wisconsin Cross Country Coaches Association recently awarded Tanner Moris with the Academic All-State Award for the 2015 season. Students who qualify for the WIAA State Cross Country Meet and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above earn this honor. Congratulations Tanner on your efforts and accomplishments in the classroom and on the course!

Tanner is a junior at Crandon High School. His parents are Tom and Liz Moris.

Crandon Wrestlers All-Conference



1st Team All-Conference: Ben Kalata, Jacob Hoyt, Branden Torgerson Ty Flannery, Andrew Lehman, Johnny Doane, Tanner Theisen 2nd Team All-Conference: Dylan Bukovic

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UW-Madison's Top Woodwind Quintet to Perform at Nicolet College



The rich and captivating sound of the Wingra Woodwind Quintet will fill the Nicolet College Theatre when this highly acclaimed classical music ensemble returns to the Northwoods for a special performance at 7:30 p.m., Friday, February 26.

Long noted for being as musically accessible as they are dynamic, the quintet-inresidence at the University of Wisconsin-Madison balances traditional classical works with contemporary and cross-cultural compositions.

'This will be a wonderful opportunity to experience familiar and new works performed by professional musicians of the highest quality," said Nicolet College Theatre Director Jim Nuttall. "The performance is sure to please people who have been classical music lovers for years as well as those who are new to classical music and looking to expand their musical tastes."

Between pieces, ensemble members will talk with the audience about the compositions. An informal reception will follow the concert to give individuals the chance to meet the musicians and chat personally with each.

During the afternoon before the performance, the quintet will also hold a workshop for Rhinelander High School students interested in music.

Founded in 1965 on the UW-Madison campus, the quintet today tours the nation and the state, earning kudos from The New York Times for its "consistently sophisticated, sensitive, and thoroughly vital" performances.

Musicians in the Wingra Woodwind Quintet are all faculty members in UW-Madison's School of Music. They include Wesley Warnhoff on clarinet, Stephanie Jutt on flute, Kostas Tiliakos on oboe; Marc Vallon on bassoon; and Joanna Schulz playing the French horn.

Tickets to the quintet's performance at Nicolet are \$15 and can be ordered online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.

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N11960 Partridge Street, with deeded access to the Post Lake Chain

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N11238 Minolta Street, Elcho

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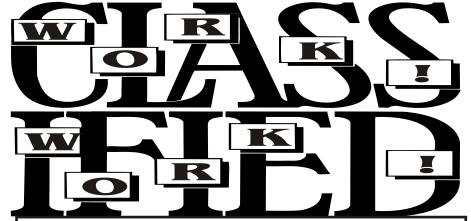
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In an effort to meet the needs of all of our families, developmental screenings will be offered throughout the school year by appointment.

If you have questions regarding your child's development and would like to set a screening appointment, please call the Elementary school at 715-473-3633.



Saturday, March 5th

Crandon Elementary School Room #13 from 9 to 11 a.m.

All children ages 3-5 years old are encouraged to come to our Child Screening event. Your child will participate in a variety of play-based activities to check how your child is developing. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and get information about child development.

Your child will not be separated from you and they will receive a FREE Cardinal T-shirt! For information call Valerie Wagoner at 715-478-6142 or email her at wagonval@sdof crandon.com.



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Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-473-4131

Crandon Public Library - Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - Noon • 715-478-3784.

Laona Edith Evans Community Library - HOURS: Monday: noon to 5pm, Tuesday thru Thursday: 8:30am to 4pm, Friday: 8am to 12:30pm. Closed Saturday & Sunday • 715-674-4751

Museum Hours

Forest County Museum- Located at 105 W. Jackson in Crandon.

Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center & Museum - Monday -Thursday 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you have special research needs or want to inquire about collection, please call 715-478-4841.

Wabeno Museum - Labor Day through color season, open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Bids & Notices

weightwatchers

BEYOND THE SCALE

Join us at our Laona Meeting!! School District of Laona

5216 Forest Avenue, Laona Wednesday evenings 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. confidential weigh-in

Time to take care of you!

Join by February 24th and receive a free gift! Bring family and friends and lose together!

Wabeno School District Lunch Menu February 22-26, 2016

Mon.: Ham potato casserole, vegetable blend, biscuit, orange wedges, garden salad, milk

Tue.: Chicken nuggets, seasoned potato wedges, glazed carrots, chilled fruit, garden salad, milk

Wed.: Nacho grande (taco meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, chips), refried beans, corn, apple waldorf, garden salad, dessert, milk

Thurs.: Chicken alfredo, pasta, broccoli, cheese, garlic toast, strawberry sauce, garden salad, milk

Fri.: Fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, red or green grapes, garden salad, milk

Wabeno School District Breakfast Menu February 22-26, 2016

Mon.: Fruit juice, poptart, sunny fruit salad, milk

Tue.: Fruit juice, cereal, toast, peanut butter cup, apple slices, milk

Wed.: Fruit juice, cheese omelet, muffin, pears, milk

Thurs.: Fruit juice, pancake & sausage on a stick, hard boiled egg, fruited applesauce cup, milk

Fri.: Fruit juice, oatmeal or cereal, banana, cinnamon toast, milk

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FOR SALE: Ash paneling, \$1.75 sq. ft. and cherry paneling, \$2 sq. ft. Call for information at 715-889-1503. Betc38

BIDS WANTED

The School District of Crandon

The School District of Crandon is accepting bids for waste and recycling services.

There is a detailed request for proposal (RFP) that is available at the district office. Any organization interested in bidding needs to contact **Edward Then at**

715-478-6119 or thenedwa@sdofcrandon .com to receive a copy of the RFP. The deadline for proposals will be April 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

District office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- Cathedral Church of the Northwoods Arbutus Lutheran Church, ELCA, W6607 Church Ln., Pearson, invites any and all to worship with them Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School is at 11 a.m. Communion is open to all on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. For more information, call 715-484-5055 or 715-623-6850.
- 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.
- 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.
- Stitch'n Sisters Needlework Group We invite anyone interested in needle arts to join us Tuesdays from 9 a.m. noon in the Associated Bank Community Room, located at 210 S. Lake Ave., Crandon.
- Elcho Area Community Food Pantry is moving into a new location at 11224 Antigo St, Elcho, WI 54428. An official Grand Opening and open house will take place in March 2016 and will be open each week: Monday 11 a.m. 1 p.m.; Wednesday 4 6 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. 1 p.m.

If any further information is needed please contact David A. Schindler at (715) 610-5886.

- Forest County Humane Society Open to public Monday Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call for more info. 715-478-2098.
- Forest County Humane Society Meeting February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Crandon Library.
- 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. Feb April meetings will be held at LaFetta.
 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.
- 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.
- Town of Lincoln Board Meetings 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m., Town of Lincoln Hall.
- **Highway 55 Flea Market** CLOSED FOR THE SEASON. WILL RETURN IN SPRING! Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. 4 p.m., at the Nashville Town hall, corner of Hwys. 55 & B, Crandon. Interested vendors or for more information, call Linda at 715-484-7271.
- **Tops** will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:30 a.m. with meeting following at 7:45 a.m. For more info call 715-473-2613.
- Crandon PTO 1st Monday of month, 6-7 p.m., Crandon Elementary School Cafeteria.
- Support Group for Parent of Children with Disabilities Call Chris at 715-784-0058.
- Survivors of Suicide Support Group Support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide will gather the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon at the Curran Building located at 315 South Oneida Avenue in Rhinelander. For more info call Sue at 715-275-5399.
- \bullet Crandon VFW Post Meets the second Tuesday of the month. 1:30 p.m. at the VFW building, 104 N Forest.
- Senior Snoop Shop meetings are held the second Thursday of every month from May through September at 9:00 a.m. in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library.
- Crandon Public Library Board Monthly meeting. 6:00 p.m. Lower Level. 715.478.3784.
 www.crandonpl.org.
 Ske Gish Get (New Day) AA Meeting held Fridays at 2 p.m. at 5519 Wej Mo Gek Court,
- Crandon. For more information Debbie or Peggy at 715-478-4370.

 Wellbriety 12 Step Meeting (AA/NA) Monday nights. 6 p.m. ? lower level of FCF
- 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
- AA Meetings Back Door Group Open meetings Monday & Thurs. nights at 7 p.m., Lakewood Lakes Country Library. Call Mary at 715-276-2318 or Bill at 715-882-3512.
- AA Meeting Saturdays, 9 a.m., Wabeno Fire Station, side entrance.
- AA Meeting Antigo Hospital, Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.
- AA Meeting White Lake, Sunday Morning, 10:00 AM at the White Lake Fire House. Mike at 715-882-8901 or Bill at 715-882-3512.
- AA Meeting Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Carter Springs. Contact Peggy at 715-889-3116 for more information.

HELP WANTED



COMPETITIVE WAGES • EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

SLOT SUPERVISOR

Status: Full-Time

Purpose Responsible for ensuring that maximum customer service & satisfaction is provided to guests through organizational skills and knowledge of position, providing prompt and courteous service. Verify and approve slot payouts according to Slot Department policies and procedures and Gaming regulations.

- · A minimum of two years verifiable experience with
- electronic gaming equipment maintenance is preferred. One year verifiable supervisory experience is required.
- · Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Must work well with people, possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Must possess strong verbal & written communication skills. · Excellent organizational skills and the ability to maintain accuracy is required.

Conditions of Employment

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing. Must satisfactorily complete an introductory period.
- Must be available to work flexible shifts

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES

Post Date: February 8, 2016 Closing Date: February 29, 2016 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

NOTICE **TOWN OF LAONA**

The Town of Laona is looking for an individual to serve on the Cemetery Board. The member will have a 3 year term beginning in March. Anyone interested in being on the Cemetery Board should submit a letter of interest to: Town of Laona

PO Box 36 Laona, WI 54541 Letters will be accepted until March 1st, 2016.

Erin Lane, Clerk/Treas.

Position Vacancy I.M. Call Center Worker

Forest County Department of Social Services currently has a position vacancy for an Income Maintenance - Call Center Worker.

The successful applicant must have a high school diploma, a valid driver's license, excellent communication skills and demonstrable knowledge of personal computer applications.

Applications are available at the Forest County Department of Social Services. Applications must be returned to: Forest County D.S.S., 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520 by 4:30 p.m. on February 24, 2016.

Forest County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Bus Driver Wanted



Full-time Route & **Substitute Drivers**

We help you do all necessary training.

Call Pitts Bus Service Inc. for details at 715-478-2780



HELP WANTED BAR MANAGER

We are currently looking for a BAR MANAGER. Part time to Full time. Restaurant experience is



a MUST! Please apply in person or call 715-478-1059

BAR & GRILL

Full Time Breakfast Cook 715-649-3810

Argonne, WI



CAGE/VAULT SUPERVISOR Full-Time, Hourly

Purpose Supervise & accurately handle all monetary transactions in the Cage/Vault involving cash & tickets. Assist all Cage & Vault Cashiers to ensure excellent guest service is provided. Assist the Cage/Vault Manager in operating functions of the department.

Qualifications

- Associate Degree in Accounting or Finance preferred; a minimum of two years verifiable experience is required. One year verifiable supervisory experience is preferred.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required. Must display professionalism when representing PCCH.
- Must work well with people, possess excellent customer
- service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Excellent organizational skills & the ability to maintain accuracy is required.
- Ability to maintain a professional demeanor in stressful situations is necessary

Conditions of Employment

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing. Must obtain and maintain Gaming License issued by Forest
- County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.
- Must be available to work flexible shifts as dictated by volume

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: February 22, 2016 Closing Date: March, 14, 2016 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

POTAWATOMI CARTER CASINO · HOTEL OPPORTUNITY **COMPETITIVE WAGES • EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE**

SECURITY OFFICER-3RD SHIFT Full-Time, Hourly

Purpose Maintain presence & take action to ensure the safety and security of guests, Team Members and organizational assets. Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent preferred.
- One year verifiable security or related experience is preferred. Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Must display professionalism when representing PCCH.
- Must work well with people, possess excellent customer
- service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Must possess strong oral & written communication skills. Ability to maintain a professional demeanor in stressful
- situations is necessary.

Conditions of Employment

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
- Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license.
- Must obtain and maintain Gaming License issued by Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.
- Must be available to work flexible shifts as dictated by volume

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: February 22, 2016 Closing Date: March 14, 2016 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

POTAWATOMI 🔊 CARTER. CASINO · HOTEL **OPPORTUNITY**

COMPETITIVE WAGES • EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

Purpose The Assistant General Manager (AGM) is responsible for assisting the General Manager in any way necessary along with developing & managing systems, procedures, & Team Members. This position is also instrumental in strategic planning, policy development & operational support for all departments

- Bachelor's Degree in related field is preferred; a minimum of four years verifiable experience is required. Three years verifiable management experience and five years
- minimum of related gaming experience is required
- Must have a thorough knowledge of Class II & Class III gaming. Experience in budgeting, forecasting, reporting, analysis, and financial statement preparation and interpretation is required. Ability to read, analyze and interpret complex documents.
- Ability to respond to common inquiries, complaints or requests from Tribal Officials, regulatory agencies, guests
- and Team Members is required.

 Proficiency with Word, Excel, Internet and e-mail with the ability to acquire proficiency in numerous other applications is required.
- Must work well with people; possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.

Conditions of Employment

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement. Must know & abide by all PCCH policies & procedures.
- Must meet General Expectations as outlined in this job description Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES Post Date: February 8, 2016 Closing Date: March 7, 2016 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/resumes to: Jean Kluss, Human Resources Manager 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021 E-mail: jkluss@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

CNA - FULL TIME

Nu-Roc Community Healthcare has an opening for a Certified Nursing Assistant \$500.00 SIGN ON BONUS

FULL TIME - THIRD SHIFT - 11PM-7AM This is to include every other weekend. Applications can be filled out on line or in

HR@Nu-Roc.com or 715-674-4477. For questions please call Craig Newton or Sherri Cook at 715-674-4477.

person at NU-ROC

Nu-Roc is located 6 miles SE of Laona in Blackwell. Nu-Roc Community Healthcare is an equal opportunity employer. Visit our website at: www.nu-roc.com

HELP WANTED

Coaching POSITION Available

The Laona and Wabeno School Districts are taking applications for a Junior High Volleyball Coach for Spring 2016. Candidates should send a letter of interest by Thursday, March 3, 2016 by 12:00 pm to: Terri Palubicki, Laona/Wabeno Athletic Director, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566.

The School District of Wabeno Area is an Equal Opportunity employer. The School District does not discriminate against applicants or employees based on race; age; sex or sexual orientation; creed or religion; color; handicap or disability; marital, citizenship, or veteran status; membership in the National Guard, state defense force or reserves; national origin or ancestry; arrest or conviction record; use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours; or any other characteristic protected by law.

Lakewood Assisted Living

is hiring pleasant, caring and dependable CNA's for Full and Part-time for morning, evening and NOC shifts. If you are interested please call Heather 920-680-7050.



HELP WANTED: Schaefer's stocking/carryout position. Mostly day shifts. If interested, please apply at the service desk, attention John.

NOW HIRING!

Death Notices



Genevieve (Jeanne) M. Ewens, age 85, passed away peacefully at home in Crandon, WI on February 4, 2016 after a brief battle with cancer.

Jeanne was born on July 3, 1930 in Appleton, WI to the late Elizabeth (Nienhaus) Haug and John Haug. She graduated from Appleton High School and received a Bachelor

of Science degree in Nursing in 1953 from Alverno College.

She married Frank K. Pfeiffer on September 8, 1956. He preceded her in death on January 19, 1973. Jeanne married Nicolas G. Ewens on June 22, 1975. He preceded her in death in August 1991.

Jeanne is survived by her loving children, Mary (John) White, Julie (Mike) Pappas, Jane Borden, Robert Pfeiffer and Michael (Tina) Pfeiffer. She was the best Nana to her grandchildren, Patrick (Brit) Wincapaw, Jake (special friend, Amy Grogan) Wincapaw, Stephen Pappas, Angela Pappas, Julia Borden, Nathan Borden, Samantha Borden, Abigail Pfeiffer, Nicole Pfeiffer and Megan Pfeiffer. She is further survived by a sister, Elizabeth (John) Milhaupt; step-son, Peter (Carole) Ewens, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Jeanne was preceded in death by her parents, Elizabeth and John Haug; in-laws, Matthias and Anna Pfeiffer; husbands, Frank Pfeiffer and Nicholas Ewens; sisters, Mary Rose Schwartz, Margaret Schuh and brothers, John Haug and Joseph Haug; nephews, Grant P. Schwartz and Mark (Boomer) Haug and grandson,

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 20th at the St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 1793 Elm Ave., Wabeno, WI with Fathers Philip Dinh-Van-Thiep and Dave Schmidt officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. to the time of service.

Jeanne requests donations to the Salvation Army or other charity of your choice.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy M. Kevilus, age 68, of Crandon, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Monday, February 15, 2016. Honoring Dorothy's wishes, no services will be held. Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie J. LaFleur passed away at NuRoc Nursing Home in Laona, February 7, 2016. She was born April 30, 1934, the fourth of four children. She was raised in Wabeno (Soperton). She lived and worked in Green Bay for Northwestern Engineering, 34 years, and at American Medical Society (now United Health).

Marjorie is survived by her brother, Jerry A. and sister-in-law, Monica LaFleur; two nephews; five nieces; two great-nephews and five great-nieces; and, dear friends, Pamela Harter and family and Barbara and Grego Tallier and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry J. and Selma (Thomson) LaFleur; by her sister, Ellen and brother-in-law, Raymond Donahue; by her brother, James and sister-in-law, Shirley LaFleur.

Graveside services will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon.

Arthur Ingalls, Jr., age 78 of Crandon, WI, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, February 14, 2016. Private services will be held. Online condolences for the family may be directed to weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy M. Halase, age 80, of Crandon, passed away February 2, 2016 at the Nu-Roc Community Health Care Center, Blackwell.

Graveside services will be in the spring at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Argonne.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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Appointment Committee Accepting Applications for College Board of Trustees

The Nicolet College District Board Appointment Committee is accepting applications to fill four seats on the college's nine-member Board of Trustees.

In the appointment process, equal consideration is given to the general population distribution within the district as well as to the distribution of women and minorities. Employer and employee members should be representative of the businesses and industries within the district. Additional information on the appointment process is available on the Nicolet College web page: nicoletcollege.edu/bot-appointment-process

The following positions are vacant: (1) Interim Elected Official Member - Interim term, July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017(1) Employer Member - 3-year term, July 1, 2016 -June 30, 2019 (1) Employee Member - 3-year term, July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2019

(1) Additional Member – 3-year term, July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

Applications and additional information is available on the Nicolet website at: nicoletcollege.edu/bot-appointment-process or by contacting Anne Bonack at (715) 365-4415 or abonack@nicoletcollege.edu.

The completed application must be received by the college by 4 p.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Candidates must also be available to attend the District Board Appointment Committee public hearing at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2016. The public hearing will be held in the University Transfer Center Room 102 on the Nicolet College Campus just south of Rhinelander on Hwy. G. If any candidate is unable to attend on March 24, a second public hearing will be held at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 28, at the same location.

Ministry Medical Rhinelander to Host Open House

Open House to Showcase Completed Renovation on the North Shore Campus

(RHINELANDER, Wis.) - To celebrate the completion of Ministry Medical Group Rhinelander's renovation project, an open house will take place on Tuesday, March 1, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the clinic located at 2251 North Shore Drive. The event is open to the public and will a include ribbon-cutting, tours, a meet and greet with new clinicians, refreshments and light snacks. Visitors are asked to enter the Ministry Medical Group clinic entrance. Ministry Health Care is a member of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and not-for-profit health system.

Construction began in March, 2015, and was completed in February. The renovation is expected to enhance patient care, create a more collaborative setting for clinicians and patients, and accommodate future expansion. The construction design and amenities were driven by feedback solicited from Ministry Medical Group's patient advisory councils, patients, clinicians and staff.

"We are thrilled to be able to showcase this facility to our dedicated patients and members of the community," said Shishir N. Sheth, MD, regional vice president, Ministry Medical Group Northern Region. "The renovation focused on enhancing the patient experience by improving the layout of the clinic, creating a new registration area, waiting rooms, patient exam rooms and stairs to the second floor."

The new stairs to the second floor were strategically placed to allow patients and staff to quickly access the Ministry Medical Group services on the second floor including audiology and women's health. The new registration and check out areas were simplified to allow for faster check in and fewer steps for patients to the exam room. An additional restroom was added to the laboratory phlebotomy station. An additional 36 parking spaces close to the clinic and emergency department entrances were completed last summer.

In addition to the open house there will be an opportunity to meet Ministry Medical Group clinicians including Barbara Faber, APNP, and Stephen Meyer, PA. "We're excited these clinicians will be on hand to help us celebrate our open house and we encourage the community to meet them," added Dr. Sheth.

The construction was completed in five phases by the Samuels Group. The overall project was completed under budget.

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 special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

City of Crandon Police Department From the Desk of Chief Packard

January 2016 CPD Activity Report:

- 5 Accident(s)
- 3 Alarm Calls
- 1 Animal Incident(s)
- 1 Assault/Battery (1 ARREST)
- 3 Assists to Citizens/Motorists
- 6 Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 1 Bail Jumping Incident(s)
- 2 Breaking & Entering/Burglary Incident(s)
- 3 Child Abuse/Possible Child Abuse Complaint
- 4 Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)
- 3 Civil Matter/Dispute
- 1 Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
- 7 Disorderly Conduct/Fight (1 CITATION ISSUED / 2 ARRESTS)
- 2 Domestic (Assist)
- 2 Domestic Dispute/Disturbance (1 ARREST)
- 5 Drug Abuse Incident(s) (2 CITATIONS ISSUED) (2 ARRESTS)
- 1 Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
- 9 Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 16 Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 Identity Theft
- 1 Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)
- 1 Noise/Disturb Peace Incident(s)
- 2 Obstruct/Resist/Flee Officer Incident(s) (1 ARREST)
- 2 Probation/Parole Violation(s)
- 1 Public Nuisance Complaint(s)
- 25 Security Checks--Business/Residence
- 2 Snow Incident(s)
- 1 Snowmobile Incident(s)
- 2 Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 4 Theft Incident(s)
- ISSUED) (1 ARREST)

2 Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s) (1 CITATION

- 1 Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 8 Vehicle Lockout(s)
- 1 Violation of Court Order
- 3 Warrant Arrest(s)
- 1 Window Tint Violation(s)
- 11 Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 14 Warnings to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

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Rummage Sales

Rummage Sale & Bake Sale Fundraiser

Help send Ciara Walentowski, Shalynn Stamper, Madison Champine and Kayla Littleton to Washington DC/New York with the Crandon Travel Club.

Saturday, February 27, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Town of Lincoln Town Hall Hwy. W, Crandon

Clothes: Name Brand Women's Small to X-Large, Girls Junior's 0/2 to 12, Girls 4/5 to 14/16, Boys 7/8 to 10/12

Most clothes \$5 a bag

Housewares, Christmas decor, home decor, toys and much more!
Something for everyone!

Pick up a sweet treat while you're there too!

All proceeds will be divided between the girls for their trip.

RUMMAGE SALE: CRANDON - United Methodist Women's St. Luke's Church, 301 S. Lake Street. Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Household items, clothing, Rada cutlery. P46



Warm for Winter holds last disbursement

Warm for Winter will have the last disbursement of the season on February 27, 2016, at 900 Boyce Drive in Rhinelander, from 10 a.m. to noon. People can come and take whatever they need, regardless of income or where they live. There's no questions asked and no paper work is needed. Warm for Winter and More has coats, jackets, sweaters, slacks, shirts, socks, shoes, jeans, hats, scarves, mittens, bedding, underwear and nightwear for every family member, from baby to adult. They even have free toys and books for the children which they can take home with them.

All of the items are in good condition and some are brand new. The first Fall distribution will be September 24, 2016.

For more information or an immediate need, please call Jan at 715-362-7157.

Spring is in the Air join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and receive 10 free trees

The Arbor Day Foundation is making it easy for everyone to celebrate the arrival of spring by planting trees.

Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March 2016 and receive 10 free white pine trees.

"White pines are versatile trees that will break heavy winds and add beauty to your

home," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These fast-growing landscape trees are known for their soft needles and graceful branching, making them an ideal addition to any yard."

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

With planting instructions included, the trees will be shipped at the right time for planting, between March 1 and May 31. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Arbor Day Foundation members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's bimonthly publication, and The Tree Book, which contains information about tree planting and care.

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Senior Spotlight -Autumn Lyons



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In the past twelve years, she's learned that you need to live life to the fullest while in high school because when you graduate, you won't have any memories because you never had any fun or did anything.

She plans to graduate high school and go to Mid-State Technical College in Marshfield. She plans to graduate from college with a business degree and open up her own martial arts studio in the city.

She would like to thank her grandparents, Dave and Sally for taking her and her sister in at a very young age. Words cannot describe how thankful she is for them. If it wasn't for them, she would be living a rough life. She would also like to thank her karate instructor, Al Klaver, for taking her under his wing and making him the strong woman she is today. You took your time and your skills to teach her the respect, strength and success she needs to go places in life. She would also like to thank her dad, step-mom, Aunt Amy, and wonderful siblings. Family is the most important thing to her. Without everyone, she doesn't know how she would've made it through her struggles.

For Old Time's Sake



We don't know who the pretty young girl is, but with some study, it looks like she is standing in front of the Himley Building. Most of us will remember it as Spark's store, across from the Hotel Crandon. She appears to be holding flowers, maybe for Valentine's Day. A good guess at the date would be just prior to World War I, judging by her clothing.

This is a good chance to see how much Lake Avenue in Crandon has changed since these days. Duck's Bar was far into the future, as were most of the buildings that came to occupy the spaces behind her.

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Successful candidates will receive a salary plus meals and lodging while training (Monday to Friday) at the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy. While at the academy, recruits will be paid \$21 per hour. After six months as members of the State Patrol, their pay will be increased to \$22 per hour and \$23 per hour after two years. Previous recruit classes have ranged in size from 25 to 52 cadets.

Applicants are required to apply on-line at wisc.jobs (search for 16-00076) by Monday, March 14. As part of the on-line application process, applicants must select their preferred location, date and time for the multiple-choice examination from the following options:

Exam locations, dates and times

- Madison—Hill Farms State Office Building, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, on Monday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m., and Monday, April 4, at 8:30 a.m.
- Eau Claire—Plaza Hotel & Suites, 1202 W. Clairemont Avenue, on Wednesday, March 23, at 11 a.m.
- · Superior—Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, 600 N. 21st Street, on Thursday, March 24, at 8:30 a.m.
- · Wausau—Northcentral Technical College, 1000 W. Campus Drive, on Tuesday, March 29, at 11 a.m.
- · Pewaukee—Country Springs Hotel, 2810 Golf Road, Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m.
- \cdot La Crosse—Best Western, 1835 Rose Street, on Friday, April 1, at 11 a.m.
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Applicants are urged to make necessary work and personal arrangements in advance for the exam, which will be scored on-site. Applicants will be notified of the results immediately, and the most qualified applicants will move to the next step of the process. Applicants who tested previously must reapply and start the process from the beginning.

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What is purple loosestrife?

Submitted by John Pruess, Lumberjack Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator

Purple loosestrife is an invasive wetland plant that crowds out native species and offers little habitat or food for wildlife. The plant has light purple flowers on a tall spike and has a square stem with distinct edges. On average the plant produces over one million seeds annually, but can produce up to two million seeds. Luckily for wetlands there is a beetle that likes to eat the invasive plant and it is the Galerucella beetle.

Galerucella beetles are a member of a leaf feeding family of beetles that are native to Europe and Asia. The beetles are roughly 3-6 mm in length and half as wide as they are long. They are light brown to tan with a dark stripe on each side of the beetle. These beetles feed only on the invasive purple loosestrife and have been in use for several years statewide.

The adults eat small holes in the leaves, newly hatched larvae feed on growing shoot tips, killing them and larger larvae produce a windowpane feeding pattern on the leaves. Larvae damage to flower and shoot buds reduces plant growth, inhibit flowering and often cause plant death from stress. This opens up the area for the return of native species that were originally pushed out by the invasive purple loosestrife. Once the loosestrife patch is gone the beetles will move onto the next patch.

Area lake associations, citizens and volunteers can help control purple loosestrife by raising beetles. Volunteers dig plants and grow the plants until they are two feet in height. When the plants reach this height 10 beetles are added to the netted plant. These beetles will turn into approximately 1,000 beetles once mating is complete. These beetles are then released onto area wetlands that are infested with purple loosestrife.

In 2016 we are looking for volunteers to raise these beetles. If this interests you or you know a purple loosestrife population in Forest County please let me. If you have purple loosestrife and you want to control it please contact me at 715-369-9886 or johnpreuss@frontier.com.

Students receive Chancellor's Award for fall term

MENOMONIE, Wis. (Feb. 12, 2016) - The following students from the area have received the University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor's Award for the fall 2015 semester. The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

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Appointment Committee accepting applications for College Board of Trustees

The Nicolet College District Board Appointment Committee is accepting applications to fill four seats on the college's nine-member Board of Trustees.

In the appointment process, equal consideration is given to the general population distribution within the district as well as to the distribution of women and minorities. Employer and employee members should be representative of the businesses and industries within the district. Additional information on the appointment process is available on the Nicolet College web page: nicoletcollege.edu/bot-appointment-process

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Applications and additional information is available on the Nicolet website at: nicoletcollege.edu/bot-appointment-process or by contacting Anne Bonack at (715) 365-4415 or abonack@nicoletcollege.edu.

The completed application must be received by the college by 4 p.m., on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. Candidates must also be available to attend the District Board Appointment Committee public hearing at 4 p.m., Thursday, March 24, 2016. The public hearing will be held in the University Transfer Center Room 102 on the Nicolet College Campus just south of Rhinelander on Hwy. G. If any candidate is unable to attend on March 24, a second public hearing will be held at 4 p.m., on Monday, March 28, at the same location.

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Bus Schedule

Monday - February 22 - Alvin and Nelma to Iron Moutain (Crandon and Argonne standby) - Bus Driver: Hal Weisnicht

Tuesday - February 23 - Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander by 9 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldis only. No lunch. Depart Rhinelander at 11:45 a.m. -Bus Driver: Dan Pedersen

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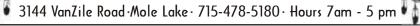
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Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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Forest County kids receive free

(Crandon, Wis.) - The Forest County Ties That Bind Us group announces a program expansion that focuses on literacy by providing free books to pediatric patients during well-child visits at Ministry Saint Mary's Hospital/Ministry Medical Group clinic locations in Crandon and Laona.

behaviors such as teaching children manners, healthy eating, and physical activity which furthers our mission to provide cancer prevention education to the Forest County Community," said Kadie Montgomery, Ties that Bind Us

Laona clinics are looking forward to gifting the free books and having an opportunity to have discussions on the benefits of reading to children.

"Reading aloud to children is one of the best activities to encourage language development and cognitive skills as well as promote curiosity, memory and positive relationships," said Ashley Seiler, NP, Ministry

Forest County Ties That Bind Us is a countybased non-profit organization in partnership with Saint Mary's Foundation that benefits Forest County residents affected by cancer - 100% of funds raised stay within Forest County. For more information or to volunteer for Forest County Ties That Bind Us events and programs, please call 715-478-6342.

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CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - February 23 - Roast turkey with gravy, sweet potato, cauliflower, sunflower flax bread, ice cream -**MUSIC: Armstrong Creek**

Tuesday - March 1 - Baked chicken, 1/2 baked potato with sour cream, green beans, wheat bread, oatmeal raisin bar -**CRANDON**

Wednesday - February 24 - Chicken alfredo pasta, broccoli, fruit, garlic bread, chocolate pudding

Wednesday - March 2 - Scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee cake **LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE**

Thursday - February 25 - Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, tres leches cake -

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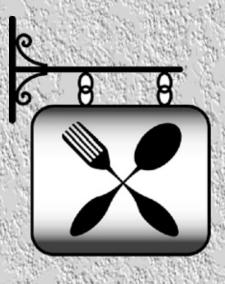
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To Work and Back- Remembering Logging Vehicles

By Mike Monte

I see loggers going to work these days in new or almost new 4x4, four-door pickups with a fuel tank equipped with an electric pump, and I can't help thinking of how logging vehicles have changed since I was a kid.

My dad had a repair shop in Argonne, and it was not only a place where loggers had things fixed, but it was also "Logging Central" for all the gossip, and sometimes business, that loggers had to pass on. Even if they weren't broke down, they would stop after work to socialize. I have many memories of what they drove.

When I was a teen, maybe age 14, George Palmer used to stop almost every day. He took pride in having a "woods car" that was a bargain. When he drove the life out of it, he replaced it with another vehicle of the same price and quality. I remember George pulling up with a nice-looking 1949 or so vintage Chevy car that I thought would make a great set of wheels for me when I turned 16. As I recall, he was proud to have paid only \$15 for this particular set of woods wheels. As the summer progressed, the car looked rougher and rougher, inside and outside. Before long, it needed a major repair and went to the junkyard and was replaced with another cast-off sedan that also had a short life.

When you drive a street vehicle in the woods on a daily basis, that vehicle starts to destruct from the bottom up. The muffler is the first to go, and most of the old woods cars made a healthy roar. Rocker panels either came up missing or were dented up to the door. Bent bumpers from being pulled out of mud holes, either by skidding horses or a crawler, were also common. A cracked or broken windshield was also common. The inside grew grungier as each week passed. Collections of worn-out gloves, beer and soda cans, and sawdust were part of the interior décor. Of course, smells grew as its last days as a moving vehicle grew near. If peeling popple, the smell of popple sap was strong, and then the balsam pitch that collected on the seats also grew pungent, as did the smell of stale sweat.

Gary Bradley solved the muffler problem on a 1959 Buick by running the exhaust pipe through the hood and over the roof, where the muffler was mounted. It worked, but the bottom destruction of the low-slung vehicle still took place.

I remember a winter about forty years ago. Larry Lyons had paid the whopping sum of \$25 for a 1956 Chevrolet four-door that was once owned by the Civil Air Patrol. I know that because their logo was on the doors, thinly covered with blue paint. We called the woods car "Old Blue," and she served faithfully until one day Old Blue just died. We were at least 15 miles from the nearest permanent residence and a phone, and we were the last three guys on the job. We were preparing for the hike in zero degree weather when we heard a truck coming. This was not normal. We were on the only logging job for miles around, and sometimes our tracks from the morning were the only tracks on the main road when we left the job at the end of the day. Sure enough, an equipment hauler from Ison Equipment, a John Deere dealer in nearby Monico, Wisconsin, had delivered a machine north of us and took this route home as a short cut. The truck had a small add-on sleeper, and with one of us in the passenger seat and the other two crunched up in the sleeper, we were given a ride to a bar near Three Lakes, Wisconsin. Using the bar's phone, we called a friend who brought us a coil wire, which we though was the culprit. By the time he found a wire and drove the twenty miles, we had absorbed a number of Special Exports, and things didn't seem that urgent. Shortly, the coil wire was installed, and Old Blue roared to life. She didn't give us any more trouble the rest of the winter, and Lyons drove that \$25 car for a number of years.

Forty odd years ago, most pickups were two-wheel drive. A 4x4 on the car lot was an oddity. Just the opposite is true today. I went to work with a used Coast Guard Suburban for a number of years. The chevy six always started in the winter, but sometimes wouldn't run on a summer morning. We never figured out why. Riding to work with the smell of saw gas and oil in the air isn't the best idea I ever had, but the rig lasted a long time. After acquiring a pickup truck, two-wheel drive, my wife used the old Suburban to haul the kids to the beach with room for all the innertubes and other beach toys. It was also powder blue colored, and I never thought that was appropriate for a logging vehicle, but it was cheap to buy, and was easy on gas.

I tried to use an old military jeep as a work vehicle for awhile, but it was so slow you had to have two lunches. One lunch was eaten on the way to work and the other at noon. An old IH Scout also saw service as a woods vehicle, but, again, the smell of saw gas and oil made the ride obnoxious.

My first 4x4 pickup was a 1974 International, the last year that company made a pickup truck, and there was a good reason for stopping production. Using cheap, imported steel, the trucks rusted out so fast it was truly amazing. Charlie Mihalko bought one and used to say that it was starting to rust before he arrived home. This was probably an exaggeration, but not much of one!

My IH pickup came from a sawmill owner that owed me some money, and I bought a 1974 IH 4x4 with 40,000 miles on the odometer for \$400. This was about 1978. He watched me drive it off with a smile on his face. It was rusty, but it was a low-mileage 4x4 that ran great. After patching the sides of the box with corrugated metal and putting some new tin over the

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tail light holes so they weren't hanging by the wires, it was as good as new. With this heavy duty rust bucket, I could move my horse barn with the horses in it to the job site. Some of the pieces that fell off my new woods truck weren't needed, and if they were, a tin patch usually took care of it.

The end of the IH came when I was heading for work one morning and the hood blew off. The previous owner had replaced the hood hinges with big barn hinges, and when the hood latch rusted through and fell off, I used two rubber straps to keep it shut. That fateful morning, the metal rusted around the barn hinges and the hood came up level about a foot higher than where it was supposed to be. It was planing in the air like an airplane wing. In a fit of frustration, I stepped on the gas, and when the rubber straps broke, the big square hood took off like a big frisbee and went spinning to the top of the road cut. I turned the truck around and drove back to town and bought a 1975 Dodge Club Cab for \$3,500, moved the tools to the new truck and went to work. The fellow working for me said we should probably pick up the hood on the way home, just in case somebody wanted to buy the old truck, and I agreed. When we left for home, we found that the hood had been put to use as a toboggan by a group of kids from a nearby farm house, and the hood was doing a better job as a toy than it did as a hood, so we left it for them to ride on. I sold the truck to somebody who wanted to make a tractor out of what was left, but I don't think he ever got around to it.

Bobby Joe Walker was a logger who ran skidders, and he usually just stayed on the job, living in an old trailer house. Unfortunately, he lost his life when the wood stove set the old trailer on fire. When he was alive and kicking, he liked old and cheap vehicles, and one I remember was a 1948 Chevy pickup painted bright yellow with a brush. The old Chevy ran quite well, unless he tried to accelerate too quickly. When he did, the fuel pump sucked thirty years accumulation of dirt out of the bottom of the tank, and the screen on the carburetor plugged up, shutting the engine down. This was followed by some very interesting language, until he loosened the line and blew the dirt out of the line and cleaned the screen. When it fired right up, he was all smiles. I have no idea why he didn't take the tank out from behind the seat and clean it.

My dad didn't log, but he was constantly going to the woods to repair machinery. Being a little miserly, he bought a 1947 IH milk truck from the local dairy, worked on the engine and had a great repair truck with a lot of room for tool boxes, pry bars and his cutting torches. The portable welder was on a trailer behind the truck, which he painted bright yellow. There must have been a sale on yellow paint back then. With the addition of a heavy front bumper that could be used to push other vehicles or to handle a crawler pulling him into the job or pushing him out of a mud hole, he was ready to roll. He used the truck for years, and never had a payment book. After ten or twelve years on the job, it was bought by a logger and used for a dinner shack for many years.

When talking to my cousin, Don LeMaster, he told me about one of their woods cars from years back. He couldn't remember what kind of car it was, but did say it was purple. It was owned by his working partner at the time, Kevin Brass. According to my cousin, every couple of weeks, the lug bolts would break off the brake drum on the right front wheel. He said it was a thrilling experience to see the wheel careen off into the woods and some tight hanging on until the three-wheeled car could be stopped. They never could figure out why the bolts kept breaking on that wheel, but stocked the car with extra bolts and nuts. In a short time, they would have the bolts replaced, the wheel bolted on and continue on their merry way until it let go again. They were young men just starting out in the logging business, and a decent pickup was out of the question, so they made do. These days, LeMaster drives a dependable 4x4 with all the accoutrements on board to keep his harvester and forwarder running, but the pickup looks a bit rough, with dents liberally sprinkled about the body. His theory is that a new pickup will look like this in short order anyway, so why spend the money. Sort of the way he started, but the wheels stay on and it is a 4x4.

The current loggers can't count on an old sedan to get them to work. They have financial commitments that can't stand missing a day's work to repair a junk car or pickup. Their pickup is also part of their office, with cell phones, notebooks and scale slips in storage. Do some of our modern loggers spend more than they would have to on a pickup? Some do, but if they want to ride in luxury to the woods, who are we to tell them not to. Besides, times aren't quite as tough in the woods as they were forty plus years ago.

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From there, the Chili Ride - in at the Tombstone Pickerel Sno Club shed was from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. The club had its annual fund raiser with lots of basket, meat and paddle raffles. Silent auction was included. Chili, hot dogs, deserts, beverages and a lot of fun were had. Many of the older leaders from the 70's and 80's showed up to reunite with others, and shared some of their great memories of the past. One of the clubs first drags from approximately 1973 was donated to the club and is now displayed. We have received some old memorabilia and have it displayed for our future

The event resulted in a very fun, exciting, and successful day for everyone. We want to thank all of the members and other supporters who attended the club fundraiser and supported all of the areas businesses throughout the weekend. We also want to thank all of our pit stops for their contributions they have made to help make our event a success. This past weekend was a win- win weekend for everyone!

February 6th, Tombstone Pickerel Sno Club had its Annual Family Club Ride starting at the club house building on Cty Rd DD, Pickerel. Approximately 50-60 snowmobilers left in organized groups. The groups rode in their own designated directions.

In the afternoon, the groups ended up at the Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Boy Scout Camp off of Cty Rd T, Pearson. Temporary signs around the Pickerel/Pearson area gave directions leading to the camp off of the main club snowmobile trail. Many additional snowmobilers with their families and friends stopped for homemade hot chocolate and roasted hot dogs over a camp fire. Kids enjoyed roasting marshmallows and playing on the mound of snow, with our mascot of the day "Ruby" the chocolate lab puppy. The new event at the campground proved to be very successful. A fireplace inside the warming shelter and a bon fire outside was enjoyed by many. Approximately 200 snowmobilers came and went during the 3 hours. The family day brought together a gathering of many families, children and friends with lots of laughs and hugs. Good times were had with raves! Many are looking forward to the next year

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Recently, we had a few people inquire about the operations of our club. Since the club was formed back in the early 1970's, not one person has ever been paid for what they do. All grooming and brushing of trails are done by volunteers of the club. Members also pitch in and volunteer their time. Behind the scenes of what many do not see are a lot of hours put into keeping a club like this going. Not only do you see the groomer drivers dragging trails for 6 to 8 hours at a time, they also do weekly maintenance on the tractors. Signs break, disappear, and need to be replaced on a regular basis. Fixing damaged drags in the summer is always needed. Clubs like us have expenses, such as fuel, oil, tractor and drag parts, maintenance and breakdowns, which run into hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars per year. Keeping logs of hours spent on grooming and brushing of trails is an endless job. Taxes and insurance are among a few items. Paying bills, memberships, and the secretarial work is all endless for a club. Funding money helps pay some of the expenses of a club, but never all of them. Officers and board members are not paid for their time. It's their 100% contribution giving back to the community and they enjoy doing it. There is a great amount of dedication in providing an area where families can come to and ride trails. We strive in helping to support the businesses of the Northwoods area. We hope everyone enjoys the community. Let's not ever forget the landowners who allow us to cross their land. Enjoy and respect the trails you ride. Tourism in Pickerel/Pearson is growing.



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The Forest County Economic Development Partnership Job Center offers job-seekers, students, businesses and career professionals access to a comprehensive array of employment-related services and tools in one convenient location. Anyone in the area can utilize resources such as career counseling, career planning, resume assistance, on-the-job-training and much more.

Whether looking for a job, facing a career transition, seeking new skills, or you just want a new start, visit the Forest County Economic Development Partnership Workforce Development Center, your workforce connection for the following services:

- Career counseling
- Job search assistance
- Resume Building
- Job search strategies
- Interviewing skills Referrals to education and training programs
- Apprenticeship information
- Access to computers

Area employers are encouraged to send job openings to the center for publication and listings to Forest County Residents. Our goal is to bring the businesses and workers in Forest County together through connections and shared resources.

For more information or to make an appointment with the Job Center of Wisconsin Specialist, please call (715) 478-3450.

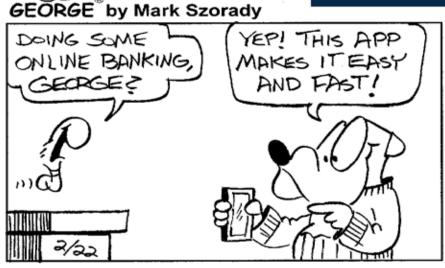
Remember, FCEDP is here for the resident's, municipalities and businesses of Forest County.















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Rebels are back-to-back Conference Champs



Holding a commanding 60- 13 lead at the half, the Rebels finished strong, routing the G-A Patriots 97-30. With the win over the Patriots the Rebels secured the outright Northern Lakes Conference championship for the second straight year as the team continues it's historic run, 28 straight N.L.C. wins including their win Friday night against the Blue Jays and remain undefeated for the year! Cooper Chrisman led the Rebels with 23 points FT 3-1; Isaiah Joyce 15, Kyle Harris 12; Kyle Tinsman 11 FT 6-5; Jordan Schuhart 10 FT 6-4; Brandon Fronek 9 FT 4-3; Ryan Brauer 9 FT 3-2 and Baylen Caley 8. The Patriots were led by Hagan Bratten with 10 FT 2-0, Josh Grandow 9, Drew Morrison 4, Elisha Heath 3, Scotty Strasser 2 FT 2-2, and Danny Decker 2.

The Rebel JV boys also won against the Patriots 54-19 and also remain undefeated in conference play. Way to go Rebel boys teams!







The McCaslin Lioness are proud to contribute to our community



Lioness Linda Ziegler presented Librarian Nicole Lowery with a check for \$500.00. Nicole said the library is always increasing their children's books section and the donation will help them achieve this.

Lioness Mary VanderVeren and Lioness Judy Diedrick presented a check for \$1000.00 to Jim Zittlow at the Christian Food Pantry. This donation will help area families through the winter months.

The Lioness raise these funds through fun, local events like the Annual Fashion Show, coming up May 2, 2016 and the 17th Annual Family Fun Faire, May 29th, 2016



Cooper Chrisman 1st Junior in Rebel History to Notch 1000



Friday, February 12th in the Wabeno gym was a perfect evening for basketball. The stands were filled for Parents Night. It was the final conference game of the season and the Rebels were ready to celebrate becoming the Northern Lakes Conference Champs for the second year in a row.

Cooper Chrisman, a 3 year starter and an integral part of a successful Rebel basketball team, was hoping to add something else to this perfect evening by becoming the 1st Junior in Rebel history to score 1000 points. The student section manned a "countdown to 1000" sign. At the tip-off the count was 985. Nine minutes into the game after a pull-up jumper, 2 layups and 3 three pointers the task was accomplished. The game was stopped for a brief moment while the home crowd rose to their feet. Rebels Coach,(Cooper's dad) Mike Chrisman presented him with the game ball. This feat could not have been accomplished without Cooper's teammates. They are a fine group of young men who are a true sense of "team" on and off the court.

Cooper joins brother Logan, father Mike and cousin Joe Gile who are also 1000 point scorers. A big thank you goes out to his coaches, team members past and present, family members and fans for their support. Cooper, when you look at that game ball let it be a reminder to you that hard work and dedication do pay off. Congratulations, you deserve it!

Pet of the Week



Sometimes disabilities can be advantageous. Cain is very calm and polite, because he's deaf. He's clean and very well mannered, because he only has three legs. And he is one of the shelter's most lovable dogs. He likes anyone who pets him.

If you are interested in Cain or any of the other animals at the Forest County Humane Society, call (715) 478-2098 or visit them at 701 Industrial Parkway in Crandon.



Book Fair

Goodman-Armstrong Creek Elementary hosts Book Fair

The Goodman-Armstrong Creek Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair during Parent Teacher Conferences on February 24th. The Book Fair will be held from 3:30 to 7:00pm in the elementary music room and members of the surrounding communities are invited to attend.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

All proceeds from the Book Fair will go toward purchasing classroom sets of books in the elementary school.

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Additionally, as a Beating-the-Odds School, Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School met the following criteria:

- are in the top 25 percent of high-poverty schools in the state
- have above-average student achievement in reading and mathematics when compared to schools from similarly sized districts, schools, grade configurations, and poverty levels

Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School will be among the 169 Wisconsin Schools receiving a plaque at a March 14 ceremony at the State Capitol. "I am extremely pleased with this recognition that the students and staff of our district have earned. This speaks very highly of our communities' commitment to provide our students a well-rounded education. The high school students and their teachers are to be commended," stated Goodman-Armstrong