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School District of Laona given grant for \$1,000 to help with their school forest



The Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin's Teachers' Outdoor Environmental Education Fund recently presented a check for \$1000.00 to the School District of Laona, in support of the "Laona School Forest Education for All" program. The money will be used for maintenance on the Laona School Forest site in the future. Superintendent Laurie Asher applied for the grant in the summer of 2015, and they were informed in late September that they would be receiving the grant money.

The support comes from the Teachers' Outdoor Environmental Education Fund, an endowment fund held by the Natural Resources Foundation and established by Pete Oslind in memory of his wife, Sue Spaeth, a Wisconsin native and elementary school teacher for 30 years.

Members of the Laona School Forest Committee are pictured with Pete Oslind accepting the check for \$1000.00. Pictured from left to right are: Mr. Mike Chrisman, Trevor Cleereman, Mr. Pete Oslind, Mrs. Rachel Keepers, and Mr. Steve Kircher. The School District of Laona is very appreciative to Pete Oslind and the Natural

Rummage & Bake Sale Fundraiser



This June, students in the Crandon School Travel Club will have the opportunity to tour Washington D.C. and New York City.

In an effort to offset some of the cost, a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale Fundraiser will be held this Saturday, February 27, at the Town of Lincoln Town Hall on County W in Crandon, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Funds raised will be divided to help with Ciara Walentowski, Shalynn Stamper, Madison Champine and Kayla Littleton's trip expenses. See their ad in the Rummage Sale section of this weeks Pioneer Express for more details on the sale.

Pickerel Fire Dept. upgrades their equipment



The Pickerel Volunteer Fire Department recently upgraded its equipment at Station One in the Town of

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The Forest County Job Center Open House Planned for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



The Forest County Job Center has just finished the expansion. A resource room for job counseling, training and other opportunities will be available. Within the next 4 weeks, a position of 20 hours a week will be in place to further the services we are able to provide. The Forest County Job Center will be open 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday. The Resource Room will be available for training and other organizations for use.

Collaboration has been key to this process. Many have donated time and materials for the center. Blackwell Job Corps Students and staff did the bulk of the construction. Staff and volunteers made up the rest of the construction crew. The key collaborators have been the Forest County Chamber of Commerce, Forest County

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Wabeno & Crandon to participate in statewide Downtown Open House Wisconsin



Wabeno and Crandon will be participating in a statewide program sponsored by Main Street Wisconsin to be held for only one day, May 14, 2016. The open house sites will be accessible from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Josh Jameson, Executive Director of the Forest County Economic Development Partnership (FCEDP), is in the process of setting up the open house sites in both communities.

The sites can be any business place or historical site, as well as museums, walks, art galleries and more.

The event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Downtown Action Council. The goal is to help revitalize the downtown areas of communities across the state.

If you want to participate in this program, call Josh Jameson with your site or your ideas. His number is 715-889-1606, and his email is: director@forestcountywibusiness.com.

From the Internet

In the election year that seems like it will never end, it doesn't hurt to have a laugh. The following quotes are from the net so they may or may not be accurate, but they are fun.

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.

~Jay Leno~

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Karla's Kountry Kitchen is under new management



The new owners of Karla's Kountry Kitchen, Kevin and Kelly Van Camp with former owner Carla Van Camp

Karla's Kountry Kitchen is under new management. Kevin and Kelly Van Camp are the proud new owners. Kelly is the daughter of Bill and Theresa Connors of Wabeno. She is a 2008 graduate of Wabeno High School. She graduated from Milwaukee Area Technical College with a degree in Culinary Arts. Kevin is a 2007 graduate of Wabeno High School and a graduate of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay with two degrees, one in Pharmaceutical Technician and the other in Civil Engineering. Kevin is the son of Carla and the late Rick Van Camp of Townsend.

Kelly was a sous chef in Milwaukee for seven years at Maxie's, Blue's Egg and Story Hill BKC. Kevin has been a civil engineer technician for the Port of Milwaukee for the past four years, but has a lot of training from his parents, having grown up in the restaurant business.

Kevin and Kelly are looking forward to the exciting challenges of running a restaurant and have many plans for the future. They will offer all of the great food that is currently offered with more specials, such as their famous 25 cent coffee, more baking and catering. The name will remain Karla's Kountry Kitchen and don't worry, Carla will be around to help them when needed. Hours of operation will be Tuesday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Their telephone number is 715-276-7480. You can find them online at www.karla'skountrykitchen.com or on Facebook.

The staff at the Pioneer Express wish Kevin and Kelly the best of luck in their new endeavors.

Laona Fire Dept. and VFW Post Fish-O-Ree on Silver Lake

The Fish-O-Ree on Silver Lake will run from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, February 27, at the Silver Lake Pavilion, with no weigh-ins after 4 p.m. The raffle drawing will be at 5 p.m.

There will be plenty of food and drink, and enjoy the raffle wheel, meat raffles and 50/50 raffles, plus special raffles for a Bart Starr helmet and Brett Favre helmet.

Mole Lake Rod & Gun Fish-O-Ree rescheduled for this weekend

Canceled because of cold, this event is on for Saturday, February 27th. Running from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m., the fish cash prizes will be paid out at Junior's Saloon.

There will be other prizes and a cash raffle, and the drawings will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Junior's Saloon.

Forest County Sports Show booth on display at Flowers From the Heart



The booth that will be used at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Sport Show is on display at Flowers From the Heart. Those businesses that would like to have info on their businesses should drop their material at the Forest County Chamber office in Crandon by February 29th.

The show will be held March 2nd through March 6th.

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Senior Spotlight - Danuka Palmer



Danuka Palmer, daughter of Kyle and Yuna Palmer, said her best high school memories include spending time with friends during cross country, forensics and classes. She'll always cherish the excitement and school spirit during sporting events, homecoming and winterfest.

In the past twelve years, she has learned the importance of self-motivation. I've discovered my strengths and weaknesses through trial and error. I've also learned how to set and achieve goals for myself.

She plans to attend UW-Eau Claire or Ripon and major in psychology with a minor in Spanish through the pre-medical program.

She would like to thank her parents for being so supportive, the staff who put in the extra effort to ensure her success and also her friends and family for sharing all these memories with her.

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Rebel girls beat Goodman/Pembine to become NLC Co-champs!



The Rebel girls hosted the Goodman-Pembine Patriots on February 15th in hopes of win to tie the Crandon Cardinals for the NLC co-championship. The Rebel girls led the first half 32-18 and never looked back winning 75-40! This is the second straight year the girls have become NLC champs winning it solely last year. Libby Tinsman led the Rebels with 19 points followed by Tressa Lange 18, Abby Smith 14, Courtney Schaefer and Presley Keeble 7, Sarah Jennings 4, and Ally Novak, Maggie Warner and Madelyn Krawze with each 2. Claire Goyak led the Patriots with 21 followed by Ashley Neuman 10, Katelyn Morrison 7 and Halie Gehling 2.

Top row left to right: Lianne Davis, Eric Hoffman, Danni Bellamy, Danielle Johnson, Madelyn Krawze, Ally Novak, Maggie Warner, Hannah Christianson, Libby Tinsman, Cassidy Ashbeck, Andrew Harrison

Bottom row left to right: Tressa Lange, Presley Keeble, Courtney Schaefer, Abby Smith, Sarah Jennings



Pictured is Lioness Jean McGregor (right) with White Lake Principal Glenda Boldig.

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Senior Spotlight - Makayla Lanaville



Makayla Lanaville, daughter of Kat and Mike Brooks, said her best high school accomplishments are being in the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Her best high school memories are the ones when she hung out with her friends on the weekends.

In the past twelve years, she has learned how to self-advocate things. She has also learned that scheduling is an important part of life. Budgeting time is also important.

Her future plans consist of going to Nicolet College for two years to get her general education classes, then she plans on transferring to Minnesota for her mortuary science degree. After that she plans to go for her medical examiner degree.

She would like to take the time to thank her parents for helping her get this far in life. She also thanks the teachers for taking the time to help her with what she needed to get done. Even through the tough times, she's had her friends to pull her through it.

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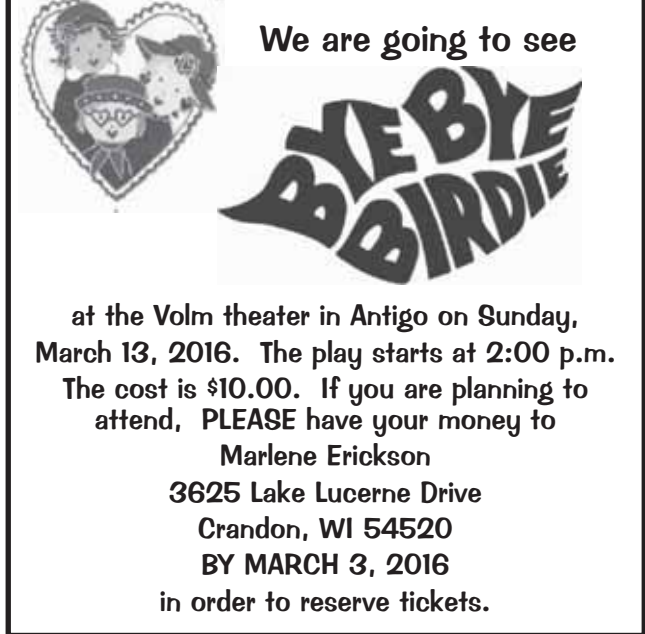
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March Events at the Lakes Country Public Library

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 --Tech Talk: How to Get Library Ebooks on Wed., March 16 or March 30 at 11:00 a.m. -- learn to set up a tablet, smart phone or Kindle to read ebooks FREE through the library catalog.
 --Tech Talk: Google Isn't Just for Searching on Wed., March 23 at 11:00 am -- learn how to set up and use a Google account to create calendars, type documents, and more.
 Friday Night Movie: "The Good Dinosaur" on Fri., March 18 at 6:00 p.m.
 --NEW! -- Family Story Time on Sat., March 19 at 10:00 a.m. -- for all ages.
 --Book Club on Thurs., March 3 at 11:00 -- The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
 --Up North Author's Circle on Wed., March 9 at 5:00 p.m. -- new members welcome.
 --Knitters Group on Wed., March 9 and March 23 at 2:00 p.m. New members are welcome (bring a project).
 The Lakes Country Public Library is at 15235 Hwy. 32 in Lakewood. Phone: 715-276-9020. Open Mon., Tues., Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. & Fri. 2 to 8 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit our website at LakesCountryLibrary.org.

Post 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot Set for March 5

Don't miss the next American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot on Saturday March 5, 2016 at Pichotta's Pub & Grub in Wabeno starting at 1 p.m.
 Bring along your friends, they will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages, gifts and gift certificates donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles. Come on in, win a prize and help a veteran. Everyone is welcome.
 The American Legion Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno is composed of veterans who are committed to helping veterans, their families and the community

Hodag Country Festival Favorite Brad Emanuel to Perform at Nicolet College March 1



Down-home, fun-loving, and always ready to have a good time.
 That's Brad Emanuel's attitude toward life and the groove he'll bring to the Nicolet College Theatre stage when the Hodag Country Festival favorite straps on his trusted old guitar and starts playing at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 1.

As a mainstay on the regional music scene for more than 10 years, Emanuel has played countless venues and music festivals, continually honing his acoustic skills and spreading his good-time vibe wherever he goes.
 "Along with being a very good musician, Brad really knows how to connect with an audience to make sure every one has a great time," said Al Higgins, on-air personality at WHDG radio who knows Emanuel through the Hodag Country Festival. "He has a great collection of music that's mostly country, but he'll also toss in a few favorites from other styles as well."
 In 2013, Emanuel beat out four other bands to be named Wisconsin State Country Band Champion. All of the acts from different corners of the state had to make it through regional competitions before they went up against each other on the Hodag Country Festival stage. The winner was determined by the crowd's reaction to each performer.

"Needless to say, that's where Brad really shines," Higgins added.
 Emanuel is perhaps best known for his song Hangin' at the Hodag, which is a perennial favorite on WHDG, and his rendition of Wagon Wheel, another fan favorite.
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FOR RENT: One bedroom apartment in downtown Crandon. Fully furnished, includes heat, water and garbage. No pets. Available April 1st. For more information, please call 715-902-0308 or 715-902-0203. Betc46

Job Center Cont. from pg. 1

Potawatomi Community, K2 Pro Signs, Job Center of Wisconsin, Blackwell Job Corps, Forest County Board of Supervisors, Forward Services, North Central Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and Mike Gruett.

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 and 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.

If anyone wishes to donate to this project please contact FCEDP at (715) 478-3450. All contributions will be used for maintenance and upkeep of computers, software and training materials. Remember, FCEDP is here for the resident's, municipalities and businesses of Forest County.



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Death Notices

Robert Otto Trick, 64 of Argonne, WI, passed away, February 13, peacefully at home.

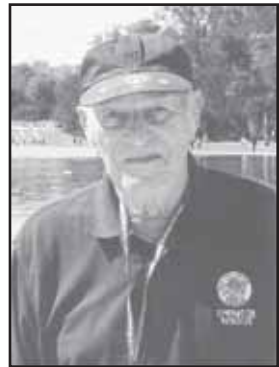
Robert was born June 19, 1951, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, to the late Joseph and Luella Trick.

He was united in marriage to Jenny Rogers on June 24, 1995.

Robert served in the U.S. Marine Corp during Vietnam from 1971 - 1975. He worked at Johnsonville Foods until retiring and moving to Argonne in 1999.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Jenny; sister and brother - in - law, Cindy and J.B. Bauchnecht; brother, Larry Trick; nieces and nephews, Rose, April, Jason, Tony, Rusty and many great - nephews and nieces.

Services will be held at the Argonne Town Hall at 11 a.m. March 5 with meal to follow. A GoFundMe.com account has been set up for any donations. Condolences may be sent to 9248 Highway 32, Argonne, WI 54511. No flowers, please.



Charles Donald Lebkuechner, "Donny" or if you prefer, "Metonga Don", passed away on February 17, 2016, after a short illness, at Burlington Memorial Hospital in Burlington, Wisconsin. His nephews, Tom and Ken Fischer, were by his side.

Don was born to George and Mamie Lebkuechner on April 17, 1922, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Don was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Dorothy Fischer and Irma Wurster and a brother, George.

Don never married, but will be greatly missed by nieces, nephews, many friends and neighbors. If you knew Don, you knew one of the nicest people around.

Don served with the U.S. Army during World War II from January 2, 1943 to November 17, 1945. Don served with the engineers in Scotland, England, France and Germany.

Once he returned home, he worked for the City of Milwaukee for almost 30 years before retiring to Crandon.

For the past several months Don was at the assisted living facility at the Veterans Home in Union Grove, Wisconsin. While there he made many new friends and was able to trade stories with other veterans.

Don will be interred at the Veterans Cemetery at Union Grove on his birthday, April 17, 2016. He will be missed by all.

Farmers and Ranchers: The Original Conservationists

Conservation Program Restores Wildlife; Helps Farmers Care for Land, Air, Water

The modern environmental conservation movement is one that has brought awareness and conservation practices to many urban audiences. To some, it probably seems like a recent shift in American thinking.

But American farmers and ranchers throughout rural and tribal lands were the original conservationists, wasting nothing and preserving as much as possible. And in recent decades, they've produced some amazing results that everyone should know about as a result of the USDA Conservation Reserve Program, or CRP.

This relatively young program, in farming terms, just entered its 30th year. CRP is a voluntary program where farmers remove environmentally-sensitive land from production for 10 to 15 years. Farmers re-establish key plant species, like approved grasses or trees, to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion, and create wildlife habitat. In return, farmers receive modest annual payments.

Since 1985, producers enrolled in CRP all across the nation have been responsible for restoring 2.7 million acres of wetlands and protecting 170,000 stream miles—enough to go around the world seven times. This protected water is responsible for reducing nitrogen and phosphorus runoff by 95 and 85 percent relative to cropland, respectively.

The program has enabled farmers and ranchers to reduce soil erosion by more than 9 billion tons, and even sequester 1.4 billion metric tons of greenhouse gasses—equal to taking 9 million cars off the road every year.

These restoration efforts also have an amazing and nearly immediate benefit to wildlife population, such as ducks, pheasants, sage grouse, and the lesser prairie chicken -- even grazing for elk and moose, improved habitat for pollinating honeybees, and clearer streams for trout. In one area of the northern Great Plains, known as the Prairie Pothole Region, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that duck populations have increased by 1.5 to 2 million ducks per year. Many outdoors organizations also support CRP for its contribution to recreational activities such as hunting and fishing.

The success of CRP and a statutory limit on the number of acres that can be enrolled in the program will mean this year's enrollment period will be one of the most competitive in recent history. The application deadline is February 26. The most competitive applications will be those that combine multiple conservation benefits, such as water quality and wildlife habitat.

There are a lot of great conservation activities across the country, but when I think about the largest positive impacts to the rural environment, it's only natural that the American farmer and rancher are at the top of the list.

To learn more about CRP, visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPis30.

Pickerel Fire Dept. Cont. from pg. 1

Nashville with the acquisition of a used fire engine from the Stone Lake Volunteer Fire Department in Sawyer County Wisconsin. The used fire engine represents a significant upgrade from the old 1975 engine which was donated to the department in the early 2000's. Increased pump size, double the storage space, simpler operation, and excellent condition of the apparatus were several key factors in the purchase. It has also allowed significant standardization of equipment between this engine and the one based at Station Three in the Town of Ainsworth. Moving forward, that standardization will make training of personnel easier and improve operations.

Acquisition of this used engine at a considerable cost savings compared to the purchase of a new truck also puts the department in a position to move forward with further upgrades to its equipment. The Pickerel Volunteer Fire Department would like to extend their gratitude to the Stone Lake Fire Department, its own personnel who assisted in finding the truck and getting it ready for service, Ainsworth and Nashville townships, and most of all to the community which supports the department making these improvements possible.

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.

Veteran's Corner

Vietnam Service "Presumptive" Disability Benefits

VA presumes that specific disabilities diagnosed in certain veterans were caused by their military service. VA does this because of the unique circumstances of their military service. If one of these conditions is diagnosed in a veteran, VA presumes that the circumstances of his/her service caused the condition, and disability compensation can be awarded.

The following health conditions are presumptively recognized for service in Vietnam:

Veterans with one or more recognized conditions do not have to show that their illness is related to their military service to get disability compensation.

VA presumes that their condition is service-connected. Conditions include chloracne, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, soft tissue sarcoma, Hodgkin's disease, porphyria cutanea tarda, multiple myeloma, respiratory cancers including cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus, prostate cancer, acute and subacute transient peripheral neuropathy, type 2 diabetes, and chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

Certain conditions are also recognized for the children of Vietnam veterans:

Covered birth defects include a wide range conditions. Eighteen defects are specifically included and others not specifically excluded are covered.

Vietnam veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam between 1/9/62 and 5/7/75, and later contracted any of these conditions, or have children with birth defects, should apply for disability compensation benefits. There are no time limits to apply.

I can and will assist you in completing all required application forms.

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Wabeno School District Breakfast Menu February 29-March 4, 2016

Mon.: Fruit juice, breaded breakfast chicken patty, biscuit, country gravy, pear halves, milk
Tue.: Fruit juice, scrambled eggs, ham and cheese, toast, raspberry fruited yogurt, milk
Wed.: Fruit juice, cereal, banana bread, orange wedges, milk
Thurs.: Fruit juice, chicken, cheese quesadilla, tri-tator, banana, milk
Fri.: Fruit juice, cinnamon or blueberry bagel, cream cheese, green grapes, milk

FOR SALE: 1 Share Stock in Nicolet Country Club. Call 715-889-4694. P47

FOUR-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

On March 11th and March 18th, the Crandon School District is having an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for parents interested in Four-Year-Old Kindergarten during the 2016-2017 school year. Any interested parents can fill out an enrollment form for their child on this day.

Parents are required to bring their child with them when they come to enroll in the Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program. This will give your child an opportunity to meet the teachers.

Parents should bring their child's birth certificate and immunization record. The 4K staff will also present information and answer questions for parents. Please contact the Crandon Elementary School at 478-3723 with any questions.

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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.
- **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 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.

Highway Weight Limit Notice

A reminder that we are very close to that time of year when seasonal weight restrictions will be going into effect on designated County Highways. We try not to post these weight limits until absolutely necessary, however, due to the unpredictability of the effects of warmer weather on the roadways, there may not be further notification. The limits will be going into effect as soon as the weight limit signs are uncovered. If you need delivery service or have materials to haul on County Highways, NOW is the time to have these things done.

No permission will be given to exceed posted weight limits on any posted County Highway. We would appreciate the public's cooperation to protect our highways.

Forest County Highway Committee
John H. Rogers, Commissioner

Wabeno School District Lunch Menu February 29-March 4, 2016

Mon.: Pizza casserole, asparagus, cheese pretzel stick, orange cream fruit, garden salad, milk
Tue.: Turkey patty, bun, garlic roasted potatoes, Brussel sprouts, apple slices, mint ice cream sandwich, garden salad, milk
Wed.: Peanut butter cup, bread, chicken dumpling soup, diced pears, peas and carrots, garden salad, milk
Thurs.: Stuffed crust pizza, Keywest vegetable, cantaloupe wedge, garden salad, milk
Fri.: Cheesy tuna casserole, biscuit, 4-way vegetable blend, lime pear jello, garden salad, milk



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@sdoofcrandon.com.

BIDS WANTED

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@sdoofcrandon.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.

Public Library Hours

Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 715-276-9020.
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.

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Bids & Notices

Child Development Day

The School District of Wabeno Area will be conducting a developmental screening for young children living in the district. This event is for children whose birthdays fall between September 1, 2011 and August 31, 2013. Children will be screened through observation in a natural play setting. Speech and language, motor and social skills will be evaluated.

The screening will be held at Wabeno Area Elementary School, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

If you have a child in this age range and have not yet scheduled an appointment, please call the Elementary school at 715-473-3633.

Senior Chatter

Submitted by Kate Schultz

Go for the Green

Green fruits and vegetables contain many health-promoting phyto-chemicals including lutein and indoles. They help protect against certain cancers and help maintain vision health and strong bones and teeth.

Some green fruits and vegetables include leafy greens, asparagus, green peppers, broccoli, green beans, peas, cabbage, green onion, Brussel sprouts, okra, zucchini, Chinese cabbage, green apples, green grapes, honeydew melon, kiwifruit and limes.

Some green ideas for St. Patrick's Day (or any day) include:

- Tossed lettuce salad. Add extra green with green peppers if you like.
- Corned beef with cabbage is a natural for St. Patrick's.
- Include some kiwi fruit, green grapes and/or honeydew melon in your fruit salad.
- Add avocado slices to salads and sandwiches. To maintain avocados' green color, eat them immediately or sprinkle them with lemon or lime juice. Though two tablespoons of avocado have about 5 grams of fat, it's mostly heart-healthy monounsaturated fat.
- Enjoy your favorite veggie dip in with broccoli florets or a favorite fruit dip with green apple slices.
- Have a vegetable pizza with green peppers.
- Serve thinly sliced green onions over rice, pasta dishes, broiled or baked fish, soups -- you're limited only by your imagination.

Start thinking green - spinach noodles (topping of choice); spinach souffle; spinach, asparagus and/or green pepper omelets with parsley garnish; pesto on anything; cream of broccoli or spinach soups; finely diced spinach in any chicken noodle/rice/orzo soups.

Bus Schedule

Monday - March 7 - Alvin and Nelma to Rhinelander (Crandon and Argonne standby) - **Bus Driver:** Hal Weisnicht

Tuesday - March 8 - Carter, Wabeno and Laona to Rhinelander (Crandon standby) - **Bus Driver:** Dan Pedersen

Wednesday - March 9 - Armstrong Creek, Newald, Popple River and Cavour to Iron Mountain (Crandon and Laona standby) - **Bus Driver:** Hal Weisnicht

Thursday - March 10 - Argonne, Hiles and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus Driver:** Dan Pedersen

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Hal Weisnicht: 715-478-2961
Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

"Staying Well"

MEAL SCHEDULE

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - February 29 - Roast pork, roasted red potato, sweet and sour cabbage, dinner roll, apple cake

Monday - March 7 - Beef tips, mashed potato, carrots, dinner roll, brownie

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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

Tuesday - March 8 - Pork chop, roasted red potato, Harvard beets, rye bread, peach crisp - **MUSIC: Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON

Wednesday - March 2 - Scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee cake

Wednesday - March 9 - Chicken ala king, brown rice, tossed salad with dressing, biscuit, snickerdoodle cookie

LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - March 3 - Ham sandwich on whole wheat, broccoli salad, fruit, molasses cookie

Thursday - March 10 - Turkey sandwich on whole wheat, coleslaw, fruit, pineapple upside down cake

ALVIN

Thursday - March 3 - Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, dinner rolls, bars

Thursday - March 10 - Chili, noodles, vegetables, pears, crackers, wheat bread, cookies

The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is no longer in service. The only number for the ADRC is the 800-699-6704.

The direct number for Kate, Forest County Elderly Benefit, is 715-362-8277. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please register with Commission on Aging - 800-699-6704.

Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). Meal served at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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

Wabeno interim site manager Chris Geski at 715-473-6312 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Armstrong Creek interim site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

Radiography career info session March 1 at Nicolet College

Anyone interested in learning more about a career in Radiography is invited to attend an information session from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, in the University Transfer Center Fireside Room on the Nicolet College Campus.

During the free event, participants will hear from Nicolet faculty and staff who have extensive experience working in the field about what radiographers do on a day-to-day basis. Students currently in the Radiography program will also be on hand to share their perspective.

"As with any academic program, it's important that it be the right fit for a student," said Nicolet Dean of Health Occupations Lenore Blemke. "This event will be a great way for anyone interested in the field as a career to learn more about it to see if it is really right for them."

Nicolet shares the two-year associate degree program with Lakeshore Technical College near Manitowoc. Some classes are held in traditional classrooms on the Nicolet Campus and others over an interactive television (ITV) network at Nicolet. Students also spend time training at local clinical sites.

In general, radiographers work with patients to get necessary diagnostic images. Those working in the field are typically detail-oriented, interested in anatomy and physiology, able to work under pressure, and like to work with technology and people.

Individuals graduating in 2014 from a Wisconsin technical college Radiography program reported a median salary of \$42,221 six months after graduation.

Nicolet staff will also be on hand at the event to explain the application and admissions process and also talk about the course work necessary to graduate from the program.

For more information, contact the Nicolet College Welcome Center at (715) 365-4493 or visit nicoletcollege.edu and search on Radiography.

Alzheimer's Assoc. announces March Family Education programs Family programs are open to all at no charge

Rhineland, Wisconsin - February 18, 2016 - The Alzheimer's Association announces several education programs for those who have questions about Alzheimer's disease or related dementias. There is no charge to attend. These workshops are open to families and caregivers and presented by Alzheimer's Association staff and trained representatives. Registration is not required. These programs are made possible, in part, by funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's®.

March offerings include:

--Effective Communication Strategies

--This program helps families facing Alzheimer's and other types of dementia explore effective communication strategies learning to decode messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expression and body language.

Tuesday, March 8, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Crandon Public Library, 110 W. Polk Street, Crandon

Thursday, March 10, 10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Wellness Center, 129 Old Abe Road, Lac du Flambeau

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the

Latest Research

Participants learn about diet, exercise, cognitive activity, social engagement and how to create a plan for healthy aging.

Thursday, March 17, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Vilas County Commission on Aging Building, 521 E.

Wall Street, Eagle River

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's

Disease

This program explores the difference between normal age-related memory changes and more serious memory problems that may require medical attention.

Tuesday, March 15, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Oneida Senior Center, 100 Keenan Street, Rhinelander

The Alzheimer's Association is a national non-profit organization whose 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. For more information about Alzheimer's disease and local services visit www.alz.org/gwwi or call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

FOR SALE: Oak firewood. Call 715-889-3205 for more information. B51



Our Core Purpose: Personalized Proficiency for All
Our Mission: As a culturally diverse community, the School District of Wabeno Area will work in harmony with respect for one another, providing a safe and superior learning environment, enabling individuals to reach their fullest potential and become caring, contributing life-long learners in our ever-changing local and global society.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING. THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016 ELEMENTARY LIBRARY - WABENO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 6:30 P.M. AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Agenda Approval
- V. Public Comment (5 Minute Maximum per Person)
This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community. Please understand that although the Board may not necessarily comment or ask questions, this does not mean your concerns have not been recognized or understood.
- VI. Approval of Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on February 3, 2016.
- VII. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
- VIII. Informational Items
 - a. Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
 - b. Allison Space, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
 - c. Bill Taylor, Jr/Sr High School Principal will present updates and information.
 - d. School Board Member Reports
- IX. Action Items
 - a. Discuss and review the 2016-2017 school calendar.
 - b. Discuss and take action on rental agreement for portable restrooms during the football season.
 - c. Discuss and take possible action on the resignation of a teaching staff member.
 - d. Discuss and take possible action on the CESA 8 contracted services for the 2016-2017 school year.
 - e. Discuss and take possible action on E-Rate quote acceptance for wireless access points.
 - f. Discuss and take possible action on lawn care quotes.
 - g. Discuss and take possible action on Cooperative Agreement 66.0301 between the School District of Wabeno Area and the Laona School District to share the Family and Consumer Education Teacher between the school districts.
- X. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) the Board will enter into closed session to discuss employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:
 - a. employee performance
- XI. Return to open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed session.
- XII. Adjourn

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

INVITATION TO QUOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the School District of Wabeno Area will accept sealed quotes for a construction contract to furnish all labor, materials and related costs to build a new bus garage: site work, carpentry, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, overhead garage doors, insulation, painting, miscellaneous metals, and materials. Quote documents are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the District Office of the School District of Wabeno Area located at 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI. Inquiries regarding this Invitation to Quote should be directed to Ryan Beaber at 715-276-9650. Quotes will be accepted on or before 2:00 P.M., **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**, at the district administrator's office, or mailed to Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope "**Bus Garage Quote**". The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

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For Old Time's Sake



It is a dreary and cheerless overcast winter, much like the one we are experiencing now. There are no televisions or radios to provide entertainment and reading by the light of an oil lamp is getting old. What do you do? You join the acting troupe at the Opera House in downtown Crandon. There is friendship and fun getting the show together for the crowds that will break a dreary winter by attending the performance.

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Bill Foltz

Impact of legalization of marijuana presentation on March 3rd-Rhineland

Marijuana continues to be the drug most frequently used by Wisconsin high school students, according to the 2013 Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Parents, teens, organizations, business, and all other community members are invited to a presentation by Kyle Parish, an officer with the Rhinelander Police Department, about the legalization of marijuana. The presentation will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, at James Williams Middle School in Rhinelander. Included in the program will be statistics from Colorado since legalization has taken place in that state, the biological nature of marijuana, and the latest statistics about its usage among adults and teens.

The presentation is sponsored by the Oneida County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coalition. There is no charge for this event, and a question/answer session will follow the presentation. For more information, call Lynn Feldman, 4-H Youth Development Educator with the University of Wisconsin-Extension in Oneida County at 715-365-2750.

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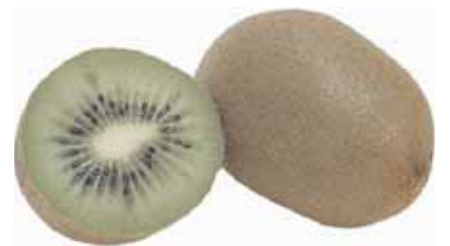
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This is an update of the Pearson-Pickerel Lion's Club, as previously printed in the local newspapers, for the collection of pull tabs to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. To date, local businesses have been very helpful in collecting these tabs.

As previously stated, it takes 1,500 pull tabs to make a pound. They've roughly collected 225,000 since their last donation of 330,000. They still have a long way to go to meet their goal of 1,000,000 tabs. They would appreciate your continued effort to collect tabs and drop them off at any local business that is helping them.

Some of the snow birds have also called and said they have containers they will be bringing back this spring.

The Lions Club appreciates your support. Russ Schumal of Pickerel is in charge of this and can be reached at 715-484-5107.

From the Internet Cont. from pg. 1

The problem with political jokes is they get elected.
 ~Henry Cate, VII~
 We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.
 ~Aesop~
 If we got one-tenth of what was promised to us in these State of the Union speeches, there wouldn't be any inducement to go to heaven.
 ~Will Rogers~
 Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.
 ~Nikita Khrushchev~
 When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.
 ~Clarence Darrow~

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.
 ~John Quinton~
 Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.
 ~Author unknown~
 Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.
 ~Oscar Ameringer~
 I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them.
 ~Adlai Stevenson, 1952~
 A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.
 ~Tex Guinan~
 I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.
 ~Charles de Gaulle~
 Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.
 ~Doug Larson~
 There ought to be one day -- just one -- when there is open season on Congressmen.
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Wabeno High participates in CTSO Government Day in Madison



Students from around the state were in Madison, Wisconsin on Thursday, February 11, 2016 for CTSO Government Day, an event organized by an initiative known as All CTSO, which is a partnership of Wisconsin career and technical education student organizations.

Wabeno Jr Sr High FCCLA's Alissa Gill, Wisconsin FCCLA State President, and her officer team, along with the other five CTSO's (career and technical student organization) learned about civic leadership and citizenship while meeting with and asking questions of legislators and government officials on career and workforce topics. Over 60 student state officers from across Wisconsin attended this state event.

"Wisconsin's career and technical student organizations have a long and proud tradition of serving students," said State Superintendent Tony Evers. "By participating in these organizations and events like CTSO Government Day, students are learning about citizenship, teamwork, and other leadership skills that will help them graduate from high school ready for both college and careers."

President Gill and officers from FBLA, FFA, SkillsUSA, and DECA were given the chance to speak with Senator Jon Erpenbach, Senator Thomas Tiffany, Representative Dave Considine, Representative Diane Hesselbein, and Representative Jeffrey Mursau. While meeting with the Senators and Representatives, each officer took the time to share their own personal stories in regard to the importance of career and technical education and CTSO's. The officers also discussed their feelings about some of the new teacher licensing laws that are being discussed in our State Legislature.

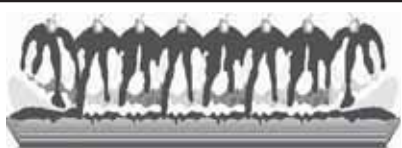
The six career and technical student organizations are DECA, an association of marketing students; FBLA, an association of business students; FCCLA an association of family and consumer science students; FFA, an association of agriculture education students; HOSA, an association of health science students; and SkillsUSA, an association of technology education students.

CTSOs are the intra-curricular student organizations that enhance the career and technical instruction offered in more than 400 Wisconsin high schools. These groups help students develop civic, social and technical skills for high-skill and high-demand careers.



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WASHINGTON — Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, released a report Wednesday, "The Labor Department's Fiduciary Rule: How a Flawed Process Could Hurt Retirement Savers," detailing the Labor Department's flawed process in handing down its fiduciary rule.

"The Labor Department's rule threatens to harm low- and middle-income Americans by increasing the cost of investment advice," said Johnson. "Saving for retirement is important, and investing can be a complex process. Ensuring Americans' access to investment advice will help them plan for retirement. Americans saving their hard-earned money shouldn't face additional hurdles imposed by Washington."

Johnson's inquiry revealed that the Labor Department disregarded concerns and recommendations from career, nonpartisan, professional staff at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), regulatory experts at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Treasury Department officials. The report shows how the Labor Department pushed to issue the regulation at the expense of thoughtful deliberation. The report presents signs that political appointees at the White House played a key role in driving the rulemaking process. Details of the report:

-- Despite public assurances that the Labor Department had collaborated with the SEC, emails reveal discord between the agencies about the rulemaking. A Labor Department employee wrote to his SEC counterpart: "We have now gone far beyond the point where your input was helpful to me. . . . If you have nothing new to bring up, please stop emailing me." The SEC staffer responded: "I am now also utterly confused as to what the purpose of the proposed DOL rule is."

-- Career, nonpartisan SEC staff identified at least 26 items of concern related to the substantive content of the proposed rule, and the Labor Department declined to fully resolve all of the concerns.

-- After the Labor Department sought to address the SEC's stated items of concern, a senior SEC official emphasized to the Labor Department that concerns remained:

[W]e continue to believe that commentators are likely to raise concerns that the proposal may result in reduced pricing options, rising costs and limited access to retirement advice, particularly for retail investors. Commentators also may express concerns that broker-dealers, as a practical matter, may be unlikely to use the exemptions provided and may stop providing services because of the number of conditions imposed, likely compliance costs, and lack of clarity around several provisions.

-- The Labor Department rejected the SEC's recommendation and ignored requirements set in executive orders to quantify the costs and benefits of alternative approaches. As a Labor Department employee explained, "We think this would be extraordinarily difficult and would appreciably delay the project for very little return."

-- Treasury officials voiced concerns that the Labor Department's proposal, by attempting to regulate IRAs, "fl[ies] in the face of logic" and was contrary to congressional intent. The Labor Department promulgated the proposed rule less than two weeks after circulating this draft, undoubtedly limiting the extent to which the department considered the comments it received from the Treasury Department.

-- The administration was predetermined to regulate the industry and sought evidence to justify its action. In emails to senior White House advisors, a Labor Department official wrote of the need to find literature and data that "can be woven together to demonstrate that there is a market failure and to monetize the potential benefits of fixing it." In another email, a Labor Department official discussed "building the case for why the rule is necessary."



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The band room, auditorium, cafeteria and a few classrooms were set up to allow audiences to watch plays, duets, solo ensemble routines and any other type of arts that the middle and high school students perform.

The visual arts were set up in the cafeteria, there were many drawings of deferent styles, bead work displays, and children making pottery by with a wheel and by hand.

The culinary arts students made a large assortment of hor d'oeuvres that were walked around the event for the public to enjoy. A free will donation was taken at the door and all the proceeds go to help fund the arts programs at the school

Here are a few photos to enjoy and watch for this event next year.



Students preparing the hor d'oeuvres

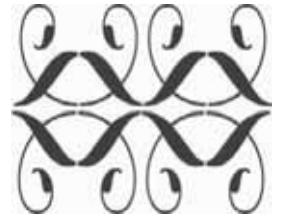
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Qualifications

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The Wabeno/Laona Rebels traveled to Menominee, MI to take on the Maroons. The Rebels struggled the first half and were down 15-22 at half time. They fought hard the second half overtaking the Maroons to win 48-42!

The Rebels were led by Abby Smith and Tressa Lange with each 11 points followed by Cortney Schaefer 9, Presley Keeble 8, Sarah Jennings 4 and Libby Tinsman 3. Avrie Stewart led the Maroons with 21 points followed by Morgan Roman 12, Whitney Makowski 4, Paige Barrette 2 and Jeanette Rivard 1.



#23 Libby Tinsman tries to get by the defender



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20 Abby Smith tries for two



The Wabeno/Laona girls' volleyball teams hosted a Fight for the Cure event in October. The girls raised money that was donated to local hospitals.

The Rebel girls wore special pink jerseys in the month of October to promote cancer awareness. In addition, the team sold pink ribbons that they made, and bucket raffles were held with several prizes given away. Over 100 shirts that were designed by Allison Bartels were sold.

Pictured are several of the members of the Rebel team: Hope Barfknecht, Rachel Calarco, Kim Kaltus of Rhinelander Hospital, Allison Bartels (coordinator of the event), and Lake Koenig.

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Ron Strong named to national post



Ron Strong of Crandon has been elected to the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors for the United States Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan Federation. He has served of the Board of Directors for the past five years holding the offices of treasurer and vice-chair.

The Federation consists of 150 studios representing nearly 4,000 martial arts students from across the United States. The Board of Directors is responsible for all the financial and business aspects of the Federation. Strong began training in 1994 and attained his current rank of fourth Degree Black Belt in 2010, and is an internationally trained certified master instructor. He has taught Soo Bahk Do discipline for 15 years in Marquette, Michigan. In December 2014, he opened Strong Soo Bahk Do Academy.

Soo Bahk Do is a traditional martial art that stresses the importance of personal growth, values, health and fitness. It challenges your body and re-energizes your mind. Ron Strong and his wife Cheryl Lewis are originally from the local area and returned to Crandon in 2013.

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Rebels defeat Cougars 79-55

The Rebels traveled to Coleman to take on the feisty Cougars. The first half was a back and forth fight with the Rebels finally taking the lead 37-34 at half-time.

The Rebels defense kicked into gear the second half with the Rebels taking the lead and calming the Cougars winning 79-55!

Cooper Chrisman led the Rebels with 27 points followed by Jordan Schuhart 15, Ryan Brauer 13, Michael Gilpin 8, Isaiah Joyce 6, Kyle Tinsman 5, Brandon Fronek and Kyle Harris with each 2. Blake Margis led the Cougars with 16 followed by Cole Woulf 11, Austin Tachick 7, Jody Styczynski and Austin Marquardt 6, Aaron Fraser 4, Matt Kostreva 3 and Austin Seefeldt 2. The Rebel JV boys also defeated the Cougars JV 49-29 With Brandon Moravec leading the JV with 18 points followed by Bob Brauer 10.



#42 Brandon Fronek makes the layup



#21 Cooper Chrisman gets through the defense

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