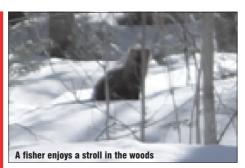
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Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree to be held Sat., Feb. 11th

The 55th Annual Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree will be on Saturday, February 11, at the new Trump Lake Pavillion. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be food and refreshments, raffles and prizes. Fun for the whole family. The fish-o-ree is sponsored by the American Legion Post 44 and the Wabeno Lions Club.

All proceeds benefit school and community activities.

Tombstone - Pickerel Sno Club to hold Chili Ride-In Sat., Feb. 11

The Chili Ride In will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the Club Building located at County Road DD in Pickerel. Ride in for a fun time from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will have the 2017 Miss Wisconsin Snow Flake Erica Keehn attending our event this year. You will be able to enjoy music provided by our local J. Zainer and congregate around a bonfire while enjoying chili, hot dogs and desserts. Refreshments will be sold. There will be gun raffle tickets, meat raffle, a 50-50 raffle, basket raffles and a silent auction.

This year we have some very exciting nice items for basket raffles in art work, as well as crafts and unique bird houses. Our silent auction includes wild life art carving by our local Todd Copet and woodworking by Alan Quig, plus more exciting items.

T-shirts will be for sale, along with accepting new members. Join a Club! Kids enjoy a ride on one of our New Holland tractors.

The 2016-2017 officers are: President- Alan Quig 715-216-6758, Vice President- Ken Mikkelson 715-216-1295, Secretary Mary A. Schmitzer- 920-841-6799 and Treasurer Cathy St. John. You can also join us on Face book Tombstone Pickerel Sno Club or get updates on our website.

4th Annual Pete Pemma Couples Pool Tournament, Saturday Feb. 11

The Fourth Annual Pete Pemma Couples Pool Tournament will be held Saturday, February 11, at "R" Place Bar and Grill in Carter. The tournament is a double elimination, best two out of three games and teams must consist of one man and one girl. There is a \$30.00 entry

Registration closes at 1:00 p.m. with no exceptions. First place will receive \$500.00 plus 50 percent entry fee, second place will receive \$250.00 plus 30 percent entry fee, third place will receive \$150.00 and 20 percent entry fee, fourth place will receive \$50.00 and scratch cup and \$50.00 goes to the first team out.

Proceeds benefit the Forest County Humane Society and the Townsend Food Pantry. Call Joe to register at 715-473-2407.



The Pelican Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its 39th Annual Ice-Fishing Derby on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at Gerrits' Lakeview Inn, 656 Hwy G, Pelican Lake. Fishing is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All fish must be registered at the tavern and you must present the orange ticket stubs when registering a fish. The \$5 tickets can be purchased in advance at all area chamber businesses, there is no preregistration.

All the names of those who purchase orange tickets will also be put into a drawing for cash prizes of \$500 - 1st, \$200 - 2nd, and \$100 - 3rd. There will be cash and merchandise prizes for adults and children for biggest fish in the designated fish categories. Purchase tickets for raffles and prize baskets that will be on display all day at Lakeview. Try your luck at winning prizes on the paddle wheel game, all drawings will start at 5:30 p.m.

Money raised goes towards the Pelican Lake Chamber Elcho Student Scholarship Fund. For more info, call 715-487-5222 or pelicanlakecc@frontiernet.net.

McCaslin Lioness award scholarships



The McCaslin Lioness are pleased to present scholarship checks to the following graduates.

Mary Ellen Greiten presented Hannah Lytle a \$1000.00 scholarship check. Hannah is a 2016 graduate of Wabeno High School and attending Nicolet College studying Neonatal Nursing

Patty Earnest and Til Pleva presented Juliet Chesterfield a \$1000.00 scholarship check. Juliet is a 2016 graduate of Suring High School and attending Northwest Technical College studying Human Resource Management.

The Lioness scholarship money comes from the Annual Family Fun Faire held in May.

This year's Faire will be Sunday, May 28, 2017 at the Lakewood Community Center and Pavilion



Crandon Library News Attention Laura Ingalls Wilder fans!

History on Tap reminder

The Crandon Public Library is excited to announce a new series of programming titled "History on Tap". History on Tap aims to provide engaging historical programs in a social setting for residents in Forest and surrounding counties. Our first History on Tap program is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the historic Hotel Crandon. The program will feature a First Impressions presentation by Jessica Michna portraying an older, wiser Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Generations of children and adults worldwide have been fascinated by the stories of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Her "Little House" series was the basis for a successful television series. But how did her life really evolve? What motivated her to put her experiences to paper? In this presentation you will meet Mrs. Wilder, older, wiser and reflecting back on her life. She will tell you her life story and how she came to produce her literary works.

This program is free of charge and is open to all ages. Complimentary snacks will be provided. Alcholic and non-alchohlic beverages for sale. History on Tap is sponsored in part by the Crandon Public Library, the Forest County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Hotel Crandon. For more information, please contact Michelle at the library.

New Books at the Library

The following titles were recently added to the new book shelves: Rather by the Devil by Ian Rankin, Fatal by John Lescroart, Accidently on purpose by Jill Shalvis, Tom Clancy: full force and effect by Mark Greaney, The Newcomer by Suzanne Woods Fisher, The rising by Heather Graham and Jon Land, On Second Thought by Kristin Higgins, Prisoner by Alex Berenson, and The nowhere man by Gregg Hurwitz. New nonfiction titles include Hooked: when addiction hits home edited by Chloe Shantz-Hilkes, and It Takes a School: the extraordinary story of an American School in the World's #1 Failed state by Jonathan Star.

Zumba classes-Crandon



By Mike Monte

Cher Lewis moved back to the area about three years ago from Marquette, Michigan. She and husband Ron Strong are both CHS grads who thought it would be a good idea to live here again. Cher wanted to be able to take care of her aging parents.

She missed going to the gym that was available in Marquette, but found a place to exercise when when Angie Schaefer taught Zumba classes. After Angie quit, Cher spent a day in Madison taking instruction in Zumba and earned her certification as a Zumba instructor. She then volunteered at Outside the Box Fitness center in Crandon. As seen in an earlier article in this paper, her husband Ron is a Soo Bahk Do instructor who has opened a spot to practice that discipline in Crandon, directly across from the Hotel Crandon. There was room in the schedule for Cher to teach Zumba, and the classes started last Monday evening, as can be seen in the photo above.

Cher says that Zumba is practiced in 180 countries around the world, and it is a Latin inspired fitness dance. She added that it is a good cardio exercise and also works on core muscles and body sculpting. Zumba has been called "exercise in disguise." This fitness activity has a party atmosphere attached to it, but is also good at burning calories.

Beginners can do any level of Zumba and is for men and women.

If you are interested, the classes are held at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. To get started, call Cher at 906-360-2436, and get fit!

WXPR Public Radio announces Crossroads Café

WXPR Public Radio announces new afternoon programming beginning February 27th. WXPR's Crossroads Café will feature a signature mix of folk, jazz, rock, blues, and world music all programmed locally by WXPR volunteers.

"WXPR is creating a new music venue to delight afternoon listeners, as we add a new energy and vibe to our weekday mix" Station Manager, Pete Rondello said of the new program.

Crossroads Cafe is the meeting place of music from several different genres. You can expect to hear favorite selections by performers that you love, as well as a variety of music from emerging artists, regional groups, and even a splash of world music.

WXPR's Crossroads Café can be heard Monday through Friday from 1p.m.-4p.m. on WXPR 91.7FM or online at www.wxpr.org.

Crandon School Community Open Gyms begin this Sunday

The School District of Crandon will be holding Community Open Gyms from noon to two on Sundays starting February 12 and ending March 5.

Activities may include, half court basketball and 12 court volleyball in the high school gym, youth bowling and jump ropes and yoga in the elementary gym, ping pong, dodgeball and the Cardinal Quarter Walking Patch in the middle school gym. As the focus of this event is community and family health, children not yet in high school must be accompanied by an adult.

Lakewood Area Chamber Meeting

The Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next meeting on Monday, February 20, 6:00 p.m. at the Firelite Lounge in Lakewood. Mardi Gras will be on the agenda. The public is welcome to attend. If you have any questions about or are interested in the Chamber, please call 716-276-6500.

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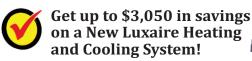
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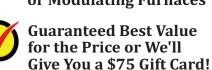
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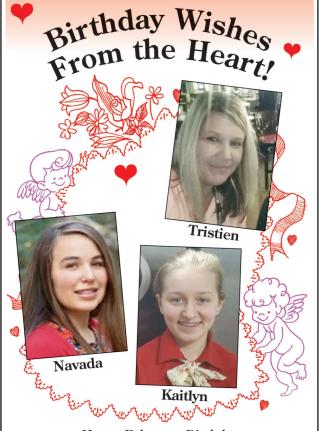




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School District of Crandon Community Open Gyms Noon to 2 p.m. on Sundays February 12, 19, 26 & March 5

Cardinal Pride - Commit to be Fit Activities may include:

High School Gym 1/2 Court for Basketball 1/2 Court for Volleyball

Elementary Gym Youth Bowling Jump Ropes & Yoga

Middle School Gym - Ping Pong & Dodgeball and the Cardinal Quarter Walking Path

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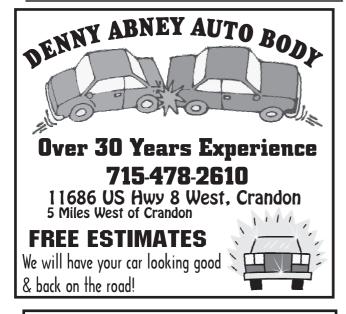
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Alzheimer's Association announces February Family Education programs Family programs are open to all at no charge

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Pre-registration is encouraged. Please call 1.800.272.3900 to reserve your seat. Class details can be found on our website www.alz.org/gwwi.

Here are the February program offerings for this area: **Dementia Conversations**

This program offers tips on how to have honest and caring conversations with family members about doctor visits, driving and legal & financial planning.

Thursday, February 16, 12:30 - 2:00 pm Vilas County Commission on Aging Building, 521 E Wall Street, Eagle River

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.

Rhinelander, Wisconsin - January 23, 2017 - Thursday, February 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am (Conference Room), Lac du Flambeau

Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters

The warning signs of Alzheimer's disease are often dismissed as side effects of normal aging. This training shares the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, separating myth from reality and addressing commonly-held

Tuesday, February 14, 10:00 - 11:30 am Crandon Public Library, 110 W Polk Street (Lower Level meeting room), Crandon

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.

Thursday, February 9, 1:30 - 3:00 pm Boulder Junction Community Center, 5392 Park Street, **Boulder Junction**

The Impact of Dementia on Intimacy & Relationships

A workshop designed to assist family caregivers in understanding how dementia can affect expressions of intimacy and sexuality and learn how to respond creatively and sensitively.

Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 – 2:30 pm, Oneida Senior Center, 100 Keenan Street, Rhinelander

Bids & Notices

Wabeno School **Breakfast Menu** Feb. 13-17

Monday - Whole grain cereal, pears, fruit juice,

Tuesday - Oatmeal, cinnamon apple, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Cheese omelet, muffin, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Whole grain cereal, grapes, fruit juice,

Friday - Breakfast sandwich, banana, fruit juice, milk



Wabeno School **Lunch Menu** Feb. 13-17

Monday - Chicken nuggets, au gratin potatoes, peas, pineapple chunk, garden salad, milk Tuesday - Roasted pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, asparagus, cranberries, garden salad,

Wednesday Cheeseburger, baked beans, potato wedges, slushie cups, garden salad, milk

Thursday - Ham and scalloped potatoes, carrots, bug bits, peaches, garden salad, milk

Friday - Ham and cheese subs, potato salad, mixed fruit, garden salad, milk

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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.

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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 - Open everyday from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30

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Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education

Monday, February 13, 2017, 5:30 p.m. C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance Scott Reeves
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
- 5. Consent Agenda
- A. Meeting Minutes
- B. Bills and Claims
- 6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
- A. Forests for Communities Resources Center
- B. School Vans
- C. CESA 8 Contract
- D. Roofing Project
- E. AGR Report
- F. Resignation
- G. Prom Discussion
- 7. Informational Items
- A. Business Manager's Report
- B. High School Principal's Report
- C. Administrator's Report
- D. Athletic Director's Report
- E. Board Member Reports

8. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.

- A. Personnel
- B. CESA 8 Contract

9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.

10. Adjourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

WABENO WOMEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE (WEEK 19 Feb. 1 - 2, 2017)

TEAM STANDINGS

"R" Place 24, Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel 22, Waters Edge 21, Prospect Lodge 19, Backhaus Sportsmen's Retreat 19, Rusty's Wabeno Bowl 16 Bruce's Misteaks 15

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Cindy L. Miller 240, Alice Sturzl 227, Jenny Johnson

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Prospect Lodge 614, Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel 613, Backhaus Sportsmen's Retreat 585 **TEAM HANDICAP GAME**

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COMMUNITY **BILLBOARD**

•St Joseph's Parish Hall, February 26th, potluck dinner & video on spirituality at 5:00p.m. Bring a dish to pass.

• 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.

• Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church - Sunday Worship: Lakewood - 8:00 (15552 Hwy. 32), Wabeno - 10:00 (4347 North Branch St.), Laona - 11:30 (5265 Linden St.). Call 715-473-3603 for more information.

• 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 Shepherd Lutheran Church - Hwy 55N, Crandon. Sunday service 9:30 a.m. with Communion on 1st & 3rd Sunday. No Saturday services.

• Trinity Evengelical Church (WELS) - 1741 Forest Avenue, Wabeno. Sunday morning service at 9:30 a.m.; Youth Bible Study at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

• Bethel Baptist Church - 1761 East Ave., Wabeno. Worship service Sunday at 9 a.m. Bible study Wed. at 2 p.m.

• Lakeland Baptist Church - Sunday Service at 10 a.m, Sunday School 9 a.m. Sunday night at 5 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 p.m.

• St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS) - 501 N. Park Avenue, Crandon. Sunday worship service at 9 a.m.; Youth Bible School (grades pre k - 8) on Wednesday at 3:45 - 5 p.m.

• 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 moved into a new location at 11224 Antigo St, Elcho, WI 54428. It will be open each week: Mon. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Wed. 4 - 6 p.m. and Thur. 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 - Every fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Crandon Public Library. The January 24th meeting will be held at the Crandon Community Building. The public is always welcome.

• Crandon Lions Board Meetings - 1st Monday of the month at Ducks Bar at 6 p.m.

Crandon Lions Membership Meeting - 3rd Monday of month. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. & meeting at 7 p.m. February - May meetings held at Ducks.

· Pickerel Area 50 Plus will meet at Northwood's Diner on Hwy 55 & A on Thurs., Feb. 9 at noon. It is our annual Valentine's dinner. Order off the menu. Bring yourself and your Valentine.

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• Christian Motorcyclist Association - Spirit Ryders Chapter of Langlade & Forest Co. invites you to attend our 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.

• Nashville Craft & Flea Market - Closed for the season. Will return to the Nashville Town Hall Spring 2017. Interested vendors or for more information, call Linda at 715-484-7271.

• Tops - will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:35 a.m. with meeting following at 7:45 a.m. For more info call

• 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 info call Sue at 715-275-5399.

• Crandon Public Library Board Monthly meeting. 6 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) - Mondays at 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, Sundays at 10 a.m. at the White Lake Fire House. Mike at 715-882-8901 or Bill at 715-882-3512.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

Northern Lakes Athletic Conference

Conference Commissioner

Start Date July 1, 2017

The Northern Lakes Athletic Conference (NLC) is seeking an individual with strong interpersonal and decision making skills to serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the NLC. The ideal candidate will have the ability to serve the member schools by ensuring compliance, as set forth in the NLC bylaws, in a fair and unbiased manner.

Essential Job Functions Include, but are not Limited To: assisting members in establishing and interpreting policy and rules; serve as a visible spokesperson for the NLC; promote effective communication among member superintendents, athletic directors, faculty, student-athletes, media and the public; schedule conference meetings with athletic directors; manage selection for conference and state selection honors; oversee officiating programs of the NLC; oversee NLC championship administration; serve as liaison to WIAA and other athletic conferences; exhibit a working knowledge of WIAA governance; assure quality conference schedules in cooperation with NLC athletic directors; perform other duties as assigned or deemed necessary by the superintendents of the NLC

Desired Qualifications: A comprehensive working knowledge of high school athletics, prior experience as a coach and/or athletic director and ability to build and sustain relationships with both internal and external constituents of the NLC. Ability to utilize social media, updating ESchool scheduling, the web and other technological tools is a strongly desired attribute.

Salary: Commensurate upon experience and qualifications.

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POST 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot Set for March 4, 2017

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U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin and Senators introduce legislation to lower prescription drug prices for Seniors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - At the start of the new Congress, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Angus King (I-ME), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Al Franken (D-MN), and Tim Kaine (D-VA) today introduced legislation to lower prescription drug prices for seniors. The lawmakers have introduced the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act, which would allow Medicare to negotiate the price of prescription drugs. Current law only allows for bargaining by pharmaceutical companies and bans Medicare from doing so. The legislation would help cut costs for nearly 41 million seniors enrolled in Medicare Part D and boost Medicare savings. Senator Baldwin has supported similar legislation in the previous Congress, introduced by Senator Klobuchar.

"We have a broken system in Washington that prohibits the federal government from negotiating lower prescription drug prices for our senior citizens. This commonsense reform will fix this and help lower out-of-pocket costs for seniors," said Senator Baldwin. "I have long championed efforts to allow the government to negotiate directly with pharmaceutical companies to get better prices on lifesaving medicines instead of increasing drug company profits. The Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act is a critical proposal that would help safeguard the Medicare program and keep our promises to seniors and taxpayers."

"America's seniors deserve a better bargain on prescription drug prices," said Senator Klobuchar. "This legislation would harness the bargaining power of nearly 41 million seniors and allow Medicare to directly negotiate lower drug prices. Our seniors need access to the prescription drugs they rely on at the lowest possible price."

"Banning better drug bargains makes no sense – and must be stopped so we can save seniors and taxpayers billions of dollars," said Senator Blumenthal. "As prescription drug prices spiral upward, the ban on Medicare drug negotiations simply adds to the crushing burden of rising health care costs. We must end the Medicare straightjacket and enable the program to negotiate lower prices."

"Seniors in New Hampshire and across the nation are being squeezed by the high cost of medications, and it's time that Congress stand with them," said Senator Shaheen. "There is no reason that seniors on Medicare should pay more for prescription drugs than their counterparts with private insurance. This is commonsense piece of legislation that will benefit millions of seniors in New Hampshire and around the country, and ensure they can afford the prescription drugs they need." "It just doesn't make any sense that Maine seniors - many of whom live on a limited, fixed income - are forced to pay higher prices for medication because the government won't allow itself to negotiate a better deal," said Senator King. "Instead, we need to give Medicare the power to go to bat for seniors - not tie their hands - and finally doing so would result in more affordable prescriptions for seniors and billions of dollars in savings for the American taxpayer. That seems like a win-win everyone should be able to agree on."

"Negotiating better prices for Ohio seniors is a win for everyone because it will save taxpayer dollars and bring down drug costs for everyone," said Senator Brown. "Soaring drug prices still put necessary medications out of reach for many, and especially seniors. Using Medicare's buying power to lower costs is something we tried to include in ACA from the start, but the drug industry blocked it," said Senator Leahy. "It's high time to allow Medicare to negotiate a fair cost for prescriptions based on the true needs of Americans."

"No American should have to choose between paying their bills, buying groceries, or taking their medications," said Senator Franken. "But disturbingly,

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that's exactly what's happening to seniors in Minnesota and across the country. Senator Klobuchar and I have long led the fight to allow Medicare to negotiate lower prices with prescription drug companies, a cost-cutting measure that would allow millions of our seniors—many who live on a fixed income—to pay less for their medications. We need to pass this bill."

"No one should have to choose between paying for a prescription drug that they need and necessities like food and shelter," said Senator Kaine. "This bill seeks to bring down skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs by letting Medicare directly negotiate for the best price, like Medicaid and the Department of Veterans Affairs currently do. I'm proud to join my colleagues on this important bill because our seniors should be able to afford the prescription drugs they depend on."

"AARP has long-supported allowing the Secretary of HHS to use the bargaining power of Medicare's millions of beneficiaries to negotiate for lower prescription drug prices," said Nancy LeaMond, AARP's Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer. "AARP's most recent Rx Price Watch report found that the retail prices of brand name drugs widely used by older Americans rose by an average of over 15 percent in 2015. Seniors and taxpayers cannot continue to absorb the impact of high and growing prescription drug prices."

"As a physician, I see first-hand the impact of rising prescription drug costs on patients who may forego treatment because they can no longer afford their medications," said Nitin S. Damle, MD, MS, FACP, President of the American College of Physicians, and a practicing internal medicine physician, on behalf of ACP's 148,000 members. "We urge the Senate to approve this legislation to increase patient access to these lifesaving medications."

The Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act would allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to directly negotiate with drug companies for price discounts for the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, eliminating the "non-interference" clause that expressly bans Medicare from negotiating for the best possible prices. The government can harness the bargaining power of nearly 41 million seniors to negotiate bigger discounts than insurance companies.

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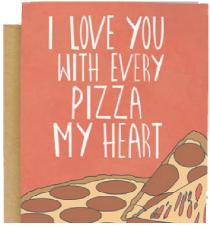


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Debbie was united in marriage to Gregory Richard Piontek on July 31, 1993 at Trump Lake, Wabeno, Wl. She was a



devoted mother of twins, Tyler Gregory and Kacy Ann, who meant the world to her. She graduated from Wabeno High School in 1979. After graduation, she worked for Laona Forest Service, then Blackwell Job Corp Center and was currently employed at Rhinelander Forest Service.

She enjoyed the simple things in life; just spending the time with her children and family meant everything to her. She spent a lot of time with her mother (best friend) and countless hours loving and caring for her father. Debbie had a heart of gold; she was compassionate and full of love for people thinking of other and making time to stop and visit with those that were unable to get out and about.

She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and enjoyed trips with her high school girl friends. She loved the sun and outdoors and looked forward to retiring and being able to travel.

Debbie is survived by her husband Greg; children, Tyler and Kacy; parents, Glen and Shirley Scheuerman; mother-in-law, Stella Piontek; sisters, Lynn (George) Hasenohrl, Kay Scheuerman (Kent Moser), and Diane (Michael) Oberley; sisters-in-law, Cheryl (Michael) Bonville and Jane (Daniel) Rabe; aunt to Douglas (Kristen) Scheuerman, Benjamin (Melissa) Hasenohrl, Rebecca (Brad) Brainard, Ashley Oberley (Adam Merrill), Brad (Jaclyne) Rocole, William Rabe and Sydney Rabe; and many cousins, uncles, aunts and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Richard Piontek; cousins, Keith Kitchmaster, Dale Scheuerman, Dennis Miller and Calvin Stoffregen; uncles, Richard Stoffregen and Melbourne Scheuerman; aunt Patricia Miller; and maternal and paternal grandparents.

A Memorial Service for Debbie will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 11, 2017 at Lakewood Presbyterian Church in Lakewood with Pastor Jennings officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until time of service at the church. Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Spring Planting is near: Join the Arbor Day Foundation in February and receive 10 Free Trees

Joining the Arbor Day Foundation is an ideal way to get in the mood for spring planting. Anyone who joins the Foundation in February 2017 will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees or 10 free redbud trees to plant when the weather turns warm.

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

"These trees will help beautify your home for many years to come," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees will also add to the proud heritage of your state's existing Tree City USA communities."

The Tree City USA program has supported community forestry throughout the country for the past 40 years.

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

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

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREES or TEN FREE EASTERN REDBUD TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by February 28, 2017, or visit arborday.org/february.



U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin to President Trump: Take action to level playing field for American workers

In letter to the President Trump, Baldwin highlights taking on unfair trade deals, fighting against outsourcing, establishing Buy America rules and cracking down on China cheating

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin sent a letter to President Donald Trump today following his executive order to withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and announcement of his intentions to begin renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"You have made promises to change our economic and trade policies to help workers struggling to get ahead. I share this goal and I have worked throughout my career to stand up to powerful interests in Washington that support the flawed trade and economic policies that put special interests ahead of workers. I support taking a new approach to trade deals. We need to crack down on countries like China when they cheat American workers, we need policies that keep jobs here at home instead of encouraging outsourcing, and we need a strong 'Buy America' plan that requires tax dollars for public infrastructure projects go to American businesses and workers instead of foreign companies," Senator Baldwin wrote to the President.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin: "Let's talk about numbers we can all agree on." 20 percent of Wisconsin's public roads and 14 percent

of bridges are in need of repair Bipartisan effort needed to rebuild Wisconsin's crumbling infrastructure

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin released the following statement on the need for a bipartisan effort to rebuild Wisconsin's crumbling infrastructure:

"Instead of debating about the number of people at the inauguration, let's talk about numbers we can all agree on: The number of roads and bridges that need to be fixed in Wisconsin. According to the most recent available data, more than 20 percent of Wisconsin's public roads are in poor condition and 14 percent of bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete."

"I have been an active partner in strengthening Wisconsin's transportation network. In December 2015, I supported the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act—long-term federal transportation legislation that increased funding and cut red tape. We now need to work together on doing more to address Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure crisis. I believe that in order for us to create an economy built to last we need to make federal investments in a 21st century American infrastructure that provides businesses with the quality transportation system they need to move their goods to market.

"I stand ready to work across party lines to make these investments and put people to work rebuilding our roads, bridges and ports because it will create jobs and boost local economies in Wisconsin."

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Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Editor:

Random Act of Kindness week is February 14th to the 20th. Please consider doing something nice for other people, not just this week, but all year long. Pay it forward with paying for someone's coffee, let someone else go first, help someone carry their groceries, hold the door open, smile at others, or take it a step further and volunteer. No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted and it feels so good. Please give it a try.

Jan Leschke, Rhinelander

Donations made by Wabeno American Legion



Jim Zittlow, community outreach coordinator of the Christian Food Pantry, housed at St. John Lutheran Church in Townsend, accepts a \$750 donation from American Legion Auxiliary Unit #44 member and Food Pantry volunteer Janet Biese.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit #44 Wabeno approved several of its annual general and poppy fund donations at the January 18 meeting. President Karen Prueter reported that General Fund giving will include \$750 to the Christian Food Pantry, \$1200 to fund four delegates to Badger Girls State, and \$200 for Special Olympics.

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UW-Madison proposal could mean free tuition for Nicolet College University Transfer students

Northwoods students graduating from Nicolet College's University Transfer Liberal Arts program would have the potential to get free tuition at the University of Wisconsin-Madison under a program proposed by the state's flagship university.

"If the UW can secure the funding, the Badger Promise would create a tremendous opportunity for Northwoods students who are the first generation in their family to attend college," said Nicolet President Richard Nelson. "The program would allow these students to complete their bachelor's degree at a world-class university tuition-free."

Nicolet would be the only college in the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) north of Madison to offer the program.

UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank proposed the Badger Promise program to the UW Board of Regents Thursday, Feb. 2. Under it, first-generation college students who graduate from Nicolet's University Transfer Liberal Arts program with at least a 3.2 grade point average would have their tuition paid during their junior year at UW-Madison.

If those students are also eligible for Pell grants, their tuition senior year would be covered as well.

Full-time students at UW-Madison currently pay \$10,488 a year in tuition and fees.

"Nicolet has had a long-standing partnership with UW-Madison through current guaranteed transfer programs," Nelson added. "The proposed Badger Promise program would expand on that partnership and offer significant financial assistance for the final two years of a bachelor's degree."

Nelson noted eligible students entering Nicolet directly from high school could take advantage of Nicolet's Promise program as well. When coupled together, eligible students could earn a four-year college degree tuition-free.

Both Nicolet and the WTCS are committed to assist individuals with the financial means to benefit from advanced training and earn industry-recognized credentials. Nicolet offers a wide variety of scholarships. Together with the WTCS, the Nicolet strongly supports a state funding increase to eliminate wait lists for WTCS students applying for the Wisconsin Grant, a need-based program administered by the Higher Educational Aids

"The combination of these programs can have a significant impact on an individual's life and on a community's economic well-being," Nelson added.



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You can make healthy changes to lower your risk of developing heart disease. Controlling and preventing risk factors is also important for people who already have heart disease. Follow these tips for better heart health: quit smoking and avoid second hand smoke, control your blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure, eat a healthy diet, get physically active, maintain a healthy weight, avoid alcohol consumption, and get regular check-ups with your provider.

Being physically active is important to prevent heart disease and stroke. To improve overall cardiovascular health, at least 150 minutes per week of moderate exercise or 75 minutes per week of vigorous exercise is suggested. Thirty minutes a day, five times a week is an easy goal to remember. You will also experience benefits even if you divide your time into two or three segments of 10 to 15 minutes per day.

The Forest County Health Department and Forest County Commission on Aging sponsor a Strong Bones class. This is a moderate intensity, progressive exercise program that includes strength and balance training and is designed to improve muscle strength, dynamic balance, and flexibility. This program is looking to get more instructors trained and expand to different areas of the county. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

The Crandon School District is also offering open gyms on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on February 12th, 19th, 26th and March 5th.

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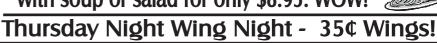
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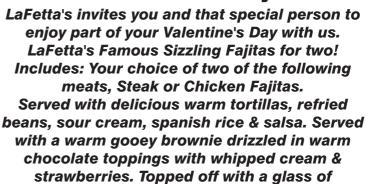
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Anda Union brings music, culture of Inner Mongolia to Nicolet College Feb. 18



The music and culture of Inner Mongolia will take center stage at the Nicolet College Theatre Saturday, February 18, when Anda Union performs at 7:30 p.m.

The nine-member ensemble has toured the world for more than a decade, following the tradition of their nomadic ancestors and bringing to life centuries-old music from their homeland that dates back to the times of Genghis Kahn.

"It's rare that we in the upper Midwest get the chance to hear live such culturallyrich music from the other side of the world," said Ken Carlson, senior program director at Arts Midwest World Fest, which partnered with Nicolet to bring the group to the Northwoods.

"Anyone who sees Anda Union in concert leaves enriched and with a better understanding of the music, people and culture they probably knew little or nothing about previous to the show."

All of the members are accomplished musicians and have been trained in traditional Mongolian music from a young age. Instruments include traditional pieces such as the horse-head fiddle, or tsuur, the three-holed flute, or maodun chaoer, and Mongolian versions of the dulcimer, zither, lute, and mouth harp.

Concerts contain elements of folk at times and touches of orchestral arrangements at others.

"It's a musical style all their own and one that is true to their heritage," Carlson explained. "The way they sing is fascinating. They combine throat singing, where they sing two pitches at the same time, typically a low sound and high whistle, and long-song singing, which involves holding pitches over a period of time."

Anda Union first toured for Arts Midwest World Fest in 2009.

"They were fantastic then and we jumped at the chance to have them back," he

Along with the public concert at Nicolet February 18, the group will spend the week prior holding workshops and short concerts at area schools and community organizations. Stops will include Lakeland Union High School, Lac du Flambeau School, Crandon High School, Tomahawk High School, Rhinelander High School, and the Milestone Senior Center in Rhinelander.

In all, it's estimated more than 4,000 area elementary, middle, and high school students along with other Northwoods residents will see them perform, said Jim Nuttall, Nicolet College Theatre director.

"Seeing musicians like this perform live and interact with members of the audience creates an experience that you just can't get listening to a recording," Nuttall said.

Tickets for the public performance at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, February 18, at the Nicolet College Theatre are \$15 and can be purchased online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.

The 2015–2017 Arts Midwest World Fest tour is supported by National Endowment for the Arts, 3M Foundation, and Anime Twin Cities. Additional support is provided by the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Heritage Foundation Grants Fund of The Minneapolis Foundation for Anda Union, and the Wisconsin Arts Board.

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Ministry Koller Behavioral Health, part of **Ascension, offers a monthly Mindfulness** program in Rhinelander that is free and open to anyone in the community

"Maintaining a Sense of Wonder with Mindfulness," is the featured program for February. The program will be offered on Thursday, February 9, from 5-6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 21 from 1-2:30 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Ministry Riverside Clinic at 1020 Kabel Avenue, Rhinelander in the 2nd floor conference room. Advanced registration is not required.

"This month's program will focus on opening yourself to the texture of each unique moment," said Kathy Mitchell, MA of Ministry Koller Behavioral Health. "Mindfulness is the practice of being present in the moment with interest and calm awareness. We can train

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Ministry Koller Behavioral Health also offers the Riverside Meditation Group on Thursday February 2 and 16 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. These sessions are held every other Thursday each month.

Riverside Meditation Group is an opportunity for anyone with a meditation practice to have regular group support. There are two twenty minute seated meditations with either walking meditation or Qigong in between. The meditation model is silent and still with occasional guided meditations. At the end a short talk focusing on enhancing skills of mindfulness and meditation.

The Riverside Meditation Group draws from western psychological mindfulness teachings, philosophy, literature, and poetry.

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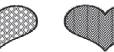
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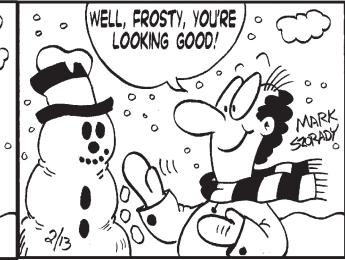


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WHS Student Council gives recognition to local businesses and community members



What a great week it was at WHS as we celebrated our annual Snowcoming festivities. During the week, students could participate in a variety of activities(cross country skiing, snowboarding, downhill skiing, ice fishing, a huge bonfire, bowling and cardboard classics.) Many of these activities wouldn't have been possible without help from our communities.

We are extremely grateful to Lakewood Ski & Sport for providing gear to our cross country enthusiasts and their instructor Dale Keller; to Steve and Raletta Ashbeck, Pat Tallier from Infinity Flooring, Dick Marvin and James Flannery, Cameron Jakubiec and Scott Schafferj, who were involved in providing the bonfire; to the owners of Kettlebowl and their volunteers for providing nearly 50 students with equipment and making special arrangements for us to come on a weekday; and to Rusty from Wabeno Bowl for the use of his facility.

We'd also like to give credit to WHS staff members for providing supervision, drilling 40+plus holes for ice fishing, providing minnows and equipment, and for making the week entertaining.



Desiree Gilligan keeps it between the gutters.



Riley Hoffmann and Wabeno High School Science Teacher Mr. Hein posing for a photo during a break from ice fishing. When the fishing is hot, a guy needs a break!





Emily Christianson, Emma Harris, Max Donaldson, Clayton Janesch and Reed Christianson kneeling. We understand they skied so fast there was steam in their tracks!

McCaslin Lioness donate to White Lake teachers



Recently, the McCaslin Lioness presented White Lake Elementary Teachers with a money donation. The Lioness and other volunteers visit every week to read with elementary students. Money is used to purchase reading materials for grades K-4th.

Pictured from right to left: Ms. Lowery, Mrs. Wickersheim, Lioness Mrs. Lowery, Lioness Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Schuessler, and Ms. Wickersheim.

National spotlight showcases success of Wisconsin's Hometown Trolley



WASHINGTON, D.C. - Hometown Trolley, a thirdgeneration family business from Crandon, Wis., has received an exclusive invitation to share its success story on the national stage Feb. 6 at the 2017 America's Small Business Development Centers Client Showcase & Reception.

The Capitol Hill event celebrates small business and the success of SBDC clients around the nation.

Hometown Trolley, one of 14 companies in the showcase, is the leading North American manufacturer of trackless trolleys. Combining 19th-century charm with 21st-century technology, Hometown Trolley has more than 2,300 cars in public and private transportation use, mostly in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

Kristina Pence-Dunow, president and CEO, has led the company through a complete turnaround and modernization since 2010. Hometown Trolley has acquired its major competitor, built a new 18,000-square-foot production facility and grown from 12 employees to 47. Sales have quadrupled since 2013 and are projected to increase through next year.

The company's growth can be attributed in large part to a commitment to innovations that include such "green" options as propane and natural gas as well as the first all-electric, zero-emission model. Hometown Trolley also improved its appeal and accessibility with a "low boy" floor design that offers street-level boarding.

"It truly is a team effort from local suppliers, dedicated employees and the new energy from my children taking leadership roles in the business as adults," Pence-Dunow said. "With each leap of faith, we are reaching our goals, and it is amazing to see how far we have come over the years."

Pence-Dunow worked extensively with UW-Green Bay's Small Business Development Center for expansion and capital needs.

"When I first visited Hometown Trolley, it was evident that this was a business where ownership had a compelling vision," said Chuck Brys, SBDC consultant. "Our role was to help crystallize that vision and assist in converting that vision into a tangible concept. It has been most gratifying to watch Kristina and her team convert what had been a small but quality company into the clear market leader in North America and evolve Hometown into a major manufacturing employer in the region."

America's SBDC is the country's most comprehensive small business assistance network, with nearly 1,000 service centers helping businesses start, manage and grow through no-cost consulting and low-cost training.

In 2016, 240 businesses were started and 2,393 clients received consulting through the Wisconsin SBDC Network. Companies working with SBDC specialists obtained almost \$76 million in loans and investments and created/retained 892 jobs.

Nationally, more than 17,000 businesses were started last year with SBDC assistance, leading to 98,660 new jobs.

Hometown Trolley intends to continue down a road of growth and innovation, aiming to double production again by 2018.

One opportunity area is exports; the company recently provided quotes to possible customers in Ireland, South Korea and Mexico.

Further development of environmentally friendly options remains a priority. Hometown Trolley believes electric is the future of transportation. Also, a new modern bus that operates on liquid propane gas is in Federal Transit Administration testing, with a target market of tour companies and the National Park Service.

About America's SBDC Network

America's SBDC represents the nation's 63 Small Business Development Centers, a national network of partnerships uniting higher education, state and local nonprofit economic development organizations, private enterprise and government. It is the U.S. Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. SBDC clients start a new business every 31 minutes, create a new job every 5 minutes, generate \$100,000 in new sales every 7 minutes, and raise \$100,000 in capital every 11 minutes. www.americasSBDC.org



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