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Everyone is invited to Wabeno's Winterfest Sat. Dec. 2nd



Wabeno Winterfest is scheduled for December 2nd at Wabeno High School from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Bring an appetite. There will be food and refreshments.

This is a chance to buy gifts that are unique and hand-crafted. Win something in the raffles! It is also a chance to meet with friends, enjoy some food and have a good time!

Santa Arrives at Noon!

Santa plans on attending Winterfest, so bring the kids with their wish lists and all the promises to be good in the coming year!

For more information, call Dawn at 715-473-2311.

Breakfast with Santa at Crandon Elementary



The Crandon Elementary School and the Forest County Area Chamber invites the public to attend Breakfast with Santa. The event will be at the Crandon Elementary School on Saturday, December 9th, from 8:00 till 11:00 a.m., in the lunch room. Enjoy a free breakfast.

Santa will then set up in his chair to visit with all the boys and girls. Children can shop in Santa's Store for family and friends, where everything is only one dollar. Children will also have the opportunity to make crafts.

Crandon Library News



Sending out an S.O.S!

The Friends of the Crandon Public Library are kicking off a fundraising campaign titled "Stock Our Shelves," or S.O.S. for short, this month.

The Stock Our Shelves campaign will focus on raising funds specifically for new books.

According to the Crandon Public Library Director, Michelle Gobert, Crandon Public Library patrons check out more than 1,800 items each month and the first area that gets looked over is the New Book shelf and the library's budget is hard pressed to keep up with the demand of supplying new, quality fiction and non-fiction titles for both adult and children.

A donation of one hundred dollars to the S.O.S. campaign will buy four new books. However, any donation, in any amount, will help fill the shelves. Donor names (or that of an honoree) will appear on the first page of each book. Donations to the Friends of the Library are tax-deductible and can be designated for the new adult book shelf or children's collection.

The Friends of the Crandon Public Library is a nonprofit organization whose mission is support the advancement of our community through its library. For more information, please contact the library at 715-478-3784.

Friends of the Library Christmas Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will be hosting their ever-popular Christmas book sale on Friday and Saturday, December 1st and 2nd from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. in the lower level of the library.

Hundreds of new and gently used books for everyone on your list! Gift baskets and gift mixes also available!



Christmas Activities

St. Luke's Christmas Fair

St. Luke's Methodist Church in Crandon is hosting a Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and enjoy sloppy joes, chips and a beverage for \$6, then shop for gifts, goodies and maybe something for yourself!

There will be homemade Christmas cookies and breads, homemade candy, ornaments & decorations, Christmas crafts and Rada cutlery.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar

New location this year, the Christmas Bazaar will be held at Praise Chapel located at 200 East 6th Street in Crandon. Good Shepherd welcomes you to their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Stock up on holiday baked goods, cookies, candy, gifts and a white elephant sale.

10% of the profits will be donated to Crandon Rescue Squad.

St. John Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

Located at 5502 Beech Street in Laona, the St. John Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, December 1st and Saturday December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. both days.

There will be crafts, white elephant gifts, baked goods and much more! A light lunch will be served. Soup, a beverage and a dessert for \$3.25. Carry outs are available.

Riverview Annual Tree Lighting Celebration, Dec. 2, 2017

The Riverview Annual Tree Lighting Celebration will be held on December 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Santa will arrive on the fire truck so be sure to bring your wish list! Enjoy hay rides and cookies and hot chocolate as the Christmas tree is lit for the season.

St. Leonard's Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

Located on Highway 8 in Laona, the St. Leonard's Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held on Friday, December 1st, Saturday December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd. The Friday and Saturday hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday following Mass.

Do not miss out on all of the great sale items and all of the baked goods for the family to enjoy!

VA to host Veteran Town Hall in Wabeno

Veterans and their families are invited to a Veteran Town Hall in Wabeno on Tuesday, December 12, at 9:30 a.m. at American Legion Post 44, located at 4473 N. Branch St. The Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center will be hosting the town hall, which is open to all veterans and their families and friends.

Leaders from the VA Medical Center and the Forest and Oconto County Veteran Service Officers will be on hand to provide a presentation on VA services, discuss initiatives to increase access to VA healthcare, answer questions, and listen to veterans' comments and concerns.

There will also be a presentation of Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Pins to Vietnam era veterans who served from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

"We have done a number of these Veteran Town Halls and found them to be very beneficial in our understanding of veterans' concerns and helping them to resolve any issues they may have," said Brad Nelson, Public Affairs Officer at the Iron Mountain-based VA Medical Center.

In the last five years the VA medical center has conducted fifty-four Veteran Town Halls throughout the Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.

Any questions can be directed to VA Public Affairs Officer Brad Nelson at 800-215-8262, extension 32001, or Robb Koplein, County Veteran Service Officer, at 715-478-3722.

Courthouse and jail remodeling project in the works



By Mike Monte

There are plans in the works for extensive work and rebuilding on the Forest County Courthouse. To be more precise, the work also involves the Forest County Jail.

To be sure, this is not a project that is a frivolous whim of the county board. There are problems that need to be corrected, and it requires more than a band-aid fix.

Starting with the jail, I had a long talk with Sheriff John Dennee. I asked him to outline the problems he and his staff were living with.

Going back a few years, the jail was making money by housing inmates from other counties. The new jail had room, and Forest County was paid to handle the overload of prisoners. Those days are gone. According to Dennee, the jail has a temporary low of 61 inmates, but the daily average, for the year, is 67 inmates. In January, they housed 85 prisoners, and the daily average through April was 81.

Dennee pointed out that there is a drug epidemic in the nation, and Forest County has the same problems. Prisoners are there at an ever increasing rate from drug related crimes, and many can get very violent and can't be housed with other prisoners.

He also pointed out that in our changed society, he has to contend with more female lawbreakers.

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Officer Wilson exonerated in the shooting of Dexter Baxter

Excerpt from D.A. Simono's Report

On the night of October 22, 2017, Officer Ryan Wilson was in the process of investigating the report of a robbery complaint in which it was reported that Dexter Baxter took a television without consent. Officer Wilson pursued the investigation actively looking for a vehicle that matched the description of the suspect's vehicle. The vehicle was stopped in Wildwood Avenue in the City of Crandon.

Wilson approached the vehicle. The suspect was in the passenger seat. While trying to handcuff Baxter, Wilson was grabbed by the head by the suspect, who put Wilson in a choke hold and began eye-gouging the officer. Officer Wilson then shot the suspect three times, resulting in the death of Dexter Baxter.

The toxicology report of Baxter indicated that he had a blood alcohol level of .108, tested positive for cocaine, tested positive for Delta-9 (the active ingredient in marijuana), and tested positive for amphetamines and methamphetamines.

Officer Wilson's actions in the incident were determined to be a reasonable use of force.

Laona Library Lore

The Laona Public Library has begun an Adult Book Club for all interested readers who would like to discuss the books, with other interested persons, that they read.

Seven interested persons attended the first session that was held on Monday, November 6th; and those participants decided that they would continue to meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

The second session will be held on Monday, December 4th; and the attendees will be discussing *The Husband's Secret*, in addition to preparing for the Dead Angler for the third session.

Please contact Felicia Albrecht at 715-674-4751 for more information, or to join this new library program.

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Wabeno Classes of the Week



The Sixth Grade at Wabeno Elementary dominated the Class of the Week trophy for the month of October. There was one week that they relented and shared the trophy. The Second Grade Class won the trophy at the October 20th Friday Assembly. Way to Go to both the Sixth Grade and the Second Grade! keep up the good work!





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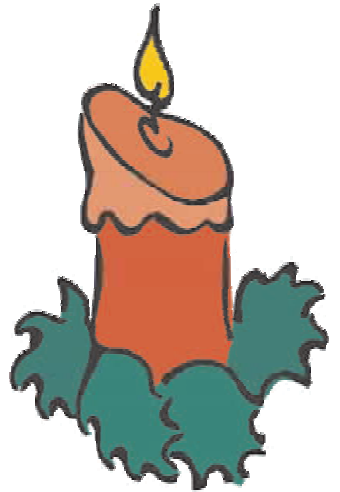


Butch Markgraf, the Head Trustee of Lodge for the Antigo Elks Club, stopped by the Laona High School to make a donation to the Laona Bird Busters Trap Team. Pictured with Butch and accepting the donation is Coach Laura McHugh and a few members of the trap team. The Elks also made a donation to the Antigo Red Robins Trap Team. The donation is very appreciated and will be used for supplies for the upcoming season.

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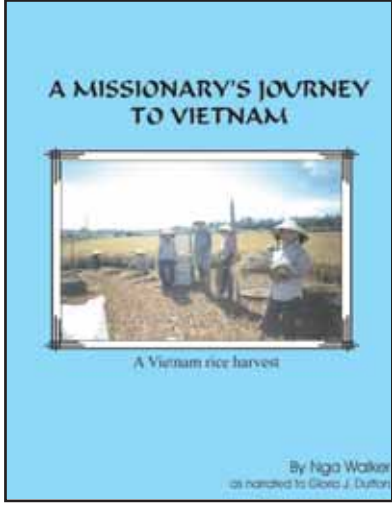
Annual Christmas Craft & Flea Market

Hwy 55 & B, Crandon, just north of Mole Lake
Saturday, Dec. 2
9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Help support the Animal Resource Fund and other vendors offering canned/baked goods, crafts, woodworking jewelry and gift baskets.

For info, call Lindy at 715-484-3152. Last weekly market, will be Thursday Dec. 21.

New Book by Crandon author



A new book by Crandon writer Nga Walker tells the story of her many trips back to Vietnam as a missionary.

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Eli's Warriors Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be held at the Antigo Ice Arena, 1633 Neva Road, Antigo, on Saturday, December 16 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment, visit www.communityblood.org, click on "Make an Appointment", then "Find a Blood Drive", enter OT39 as sponsor code. If you have any questions, please call or text Julie 715-216-2812 or JS_516@hotmail.com.

Jim Aschenbrenner installed as Laona Lions President



District Governor Lion Jim Noll and President Lion Jim Aschenbrenner

The Laona Lions Club welcomed District Governor Lion Jim Noll to the dinner meeting held Monday, November 27 at the Clubhouse restaurant in Laona. The district governor installed Lion Jim Aschenbrenner as Laona lions club president.

Award-Winning Soprano Desiree Wattlelet to perform at Nicolet Theater



Wisconsin native and accomplished operatic and concert talent Desiree Wattlelet brings her unique musical style to the Nicolet College Theatre on Saturday, December 9. The Home for the Holidays: Desiree Wattlelet and Friends concert features the young soprano along with a talented ensemble of classical, folk and jazz musicians. "My favorite accompanist Maura Prause and I will be performing classic Christmas carols with an operatic twist and some jazz flair. I'll also sing some traditional songs with my guitar," says Wattlelet. The talented Wattlelet says she's overjoyed to perform for family and friends this holiday season. "So many families are separated by distance and are spread around the world like many military families so it's nice to see everyone gathering together sharing an evening of music," says Wattlelet.

Wattlelet has performed with symphony orchestras and opera companies from coast to coast and

is sure to provide audiences with an unforgettable musical experience. The online magazine Opera Japonica called Wattlelet's performance in Elektra with the Austin Lyric Opera "outstanding because of her lustrous sound." Wattlelet says the Nicolet College Theatre provides a more intimate venue than others she has performed in and says some of her songs can spur a variety of emotions in people. "It's the holidays and songs like Ave Maria can bring back memories for people. It's an emotional song and some memories may be joyful, for others it may be tough as they are missing a loved one or waiting for one to come home," says Wattlelet.

Her inspiration comes from singers such as Lena Horne and Nora Jones but she's developed her own memorable sound that has captivated audiences nationwide. Wattlelet will showcase her signature voice and harmonize with her accompanying musicians to transform classic holiday tunes into magical musical masterpieces. "I'm excited to perform and see the audience appreciate, relax and enjoy the music," says Wattlelet.

Wattlelet's awards include Concerto Competition Winner and Vocal Recitalist of the Year from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas, and Regional Finalist from the San Francisco Opera's Merola Program. She received several prestigious music scholarships during her educational training and completed her Doctor of Music Arts in Voice and Opera at the University of Texas at Austin.

The concert takes place on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Beer and wine will be available at Bytes next to the theater before the performance. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.

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Wisconsin's annual nine-day gun deer hunt sees slight increase in statewide buck harvest

[EDITOR'S ADVISORY: This news release has been updated to correct that the muzzleloader season runs through Dec. 6.] Opportunities for antlerless deer hunting continue through January

MADISON - Another Wisconsin nine-day gun deer season is in the books, and preliminary registration numbers show a slight increase in statewide buck harvest. Similar to 2016, northern counties again showed the most significant increases in both buck and antlerless harvest.

"No matter how you look at it - whether from a social or economic standpoint - deer hunting is huge for Wisconsin," said Department of Natural Resources Secretary Dan Meyer. "Nearly 600,000 hunters headed into the woods for the nine-day hunt, and there are additional opportunities to harvest a deer through January so our hunters can continue to enjoy this tradition."

Wisconsin's nine-day gun deer season continued to show hunting as a safe recreational activity, as the season ended with seven hunting incidents and no hunting-related fatalities. None of these incidents involved mentored youth hunters.

Preliminary Registration Totals

Preliminary registration figures indicate a total of 98,364 hunters were successful in their pursuit of an antlered deer during the nine-day season. Overall, preliminary registration figures show that 195,738 deer were harvested during the nine-day gun deer hunt, compared to 197,262 in 2016.

For the second straight year, the largest change in buck harvest occurred in the Northern Forest Zone (12.7 percent increase from 2016) after three consecutive mild winters and limited antlerless tags.

"Except for opening day in some areas, we had pretty good hunting conditions throughout the season," said DNR big game ecologist Kevin Wallenfang. "Some magnificent bucks were taken, it was a safe hunt, and overall most hunters that I have talked to were pleased to see more deer than in recent years, especially in the northern forest counties."

"Combined with the early archery and crossbow seasons, total buck harvest is ahead of 2016, and there's a lot of deer hunting yet to occur this year. When all deer hunting seasons are complete in January, we will look at the total harvest and start making plans for 2018."

The nine-day hunt also provided successful hunters with 97,374 antlerless deer, down roughly two percent from 2016. However, those numbers will climb as hunters enjoy the statewide muzzleloader hunt, statewide four-day antlerless only hunt and nine-day antlerless only Holiday Hunt in select farmland counties. Hunters may use any unfilled antlerless tag during each of these hunts, but those tags must be used in the Zone, county, and land type designated on the tag.

For the nine-day gun deer hunt, the 2017 regional harvest breakdown by region (with percent change from 2016) included:

- Northern Forest Zone: 26,437 (12.7 percent increase) antlered and 15,220 (70 percent increase) antlerless;
- Central Forest Zone: 4,914 (3.2 percent decrease) antlered and 2,738 (7.5 percent decrease) antlerless;
- Central Farmland Zone: 48,324 (1.2 percent decrease) antlered and 58,126 (7.4 percent decrease) antlerless;
- Southern Farmland Zone: 18,689 (9.3 percent decrease) antlered and 21,290 (13.4 percent decrease) antlerless.

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Death Notices

David Powell, of Deerbrook, died Saturday, November 25, 2017, at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics in Madison. He was 61 years old. He was born on November 27, 1955, in Antigo, a son of the late Donald Powell and Dona (Stuempges) Powell of Deerbrook. He married Jean Ginter September 28, 1996, St. John Lutheran Church in Pickerel. She survives.

He was a graduate of Elcho High School with the class of 1974.

As a young man, Dave worked at Antigo Retreaders and was a self-employed logger for 10 years. For eight years he worked at Marplex in Rhinelander, and several other pallet factories in the area. Most recently Dave served the town of Nashville as manager of the waste disposal site.

He played in the old-timers Langlade County baseball league.

Survivors, including his wife and mother, are a son, Harris Powell of Crandon; two sisters, Dorathy (Gene) Mason of Deerbrook and Dawn (John) Close of Pearson; a brother, Doran Powell of Pearson; three nieces, Melonni (John) Ernst, Natashia Powell and Shania Powell; and a great-niece, Alexiya Ernst.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister-in-law, Tina Powell.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at 1 p.m. at Bradley Funeral Home with Rev. Shane Wheeler, Jr. officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, from 11 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.

Laurel Beaty (nee Adamczyk) passed away early Saturday morning, November 25th, 2017.



Laurel was born the daughter of Genevieve and Henry Adamczyk on January 27, 1952 in Milwaukee, WI, where she grew up in the south side neighborhood of Bay View.

After graduating from Bay View High School in 1971, she began her long and successful career in the business world. Laurel's employers included Grede Foundries in Milwaukee, Lu-Line Industries in Suring, Foth & Van Dyke in Green Bay, and Potawatomi Casino and Hotel in Carter.

Laurel eventually moved to Wabeno, WI, where she married Steven Losse in 2013. She was a lover and collector of antiques and also a life-long animal advocate and member of Animal Resource Fund, who devoted much free time and effort to rescuing dogs, cats, birds, and various other wayward critters.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Losse; one sister, Susan Venne; two brothers, James (Linda) Adamczyk and Steven Adamczyk; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Laurel was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Genevieve Adamczyk, and by her first husband, Ronald "Doc" Beaty.

She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Mona M. Tupper-Vokes, age 86, of Crandon, passed away Monday, November 27, 2017.

Visitation will be on Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crandon. Memorial mass will follow at 11 a.m. with Father Callistus Elue officiating. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Linda L. Lukas, 66, of Laona, WI passed away Sunday, November 19, 2017 at her home. Linda was born September 19, 1951 in Milwaukee, WI, the daughter of Marcel and Arlene (Hellendrung) Petrofsky.



She was united in marriage to Andrew Lukas on August 10, 2001 in Laona.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, and the outdoors. She loved and nurtured everyone. She loved singing in the church choir at St. Leonard Catholic Church and was a member of the Christian Mothers. She enjoyed working with the public at Yaeger Shell Station and Marathon gas station in Crandon.

Surviving Linda are her husband, Andrew Lukas of Laona; daughters, Dawn (Steve) DeRosia of Milwaukee, Jessie Collins of Green Bay, Brenda (Rick) Martin of Green Bay and Rachael (David) Rosio of Laona; step-daughter, Dawn Collins (Brad); step-son, Rick Lukas of Laona; grandchildren, Nathan, Chelcey, Tyler, Deja, Brandon, LeeAnn, Mercedes, Zachary, Alexander, Tanner, Missi, Teddy, Eric, McKenzie, Ricky, Zach, Skylar, Cassandra and Jessica; great-grandchildren, Brooklynn, Skye, Layke, Aiden, Levi, Beckett and Dawson; sister, Diane (Donny) Schermer; and brothers, Thomas Petrofsky, Alan (Kathy) Petrofsky, Rich (Caryn) Lewandowski, Joe (Tammy) Lewandowski and Walt (Karla) Lewandowski.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-son, Larry Lukas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at noon at St. Leonard's Catholic Cemetery in Laona, WI with Father John Cerkas officiating. Burial to follow at Laona Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to time of service at noon.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Raymond K. Belunes, age 94, of Popple River, WI, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Oscar G. Johnson V.A. Medical Center.



He was born February 5, 1923 in West Bend, WI, the son of the late Alex and Mary Belunes. He attended the Holy Angels Catholic School in West Bend, WI. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army serving during World War II.

He was a foreman at the West Bend Aluminum Company, a farmer and owner of the Sportsman Inn located in Long Lake, WI. Raymond was a member of St. Norbert Catholic Church in Long Lake and the American Legion in Iron River. He also served as Popple River Town Chairman for many years and was one of the main supporters of Packerland Bear Hunters Association. He enjoyed gardening, wine making, cutting firewood, canning, and socializing. Raymond loved and appreciated the outdoors and delighted in watching wildlife and nature.

Raymond is survived by his son, Doug (June) Belunes of Kaukauna; daughters, Karen Graff of Appleton, Leslie (Mike) Hofer of Merton and Connie (Bill) Moore of Appleton; brother, Eugene Belunes of West Bend; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by Bernice Belunes, the mother of his children; son, Kenneth Belunes; son-in-law, Eugene Graff; three brothers; and four sisters.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. at St. Norbert Catholic Church in Long Lake. Funeral services will follow at noon with Rev. Felix Penetante to offer the Mass of Christian Burial. The West Side Veterans will accord Military Rites at the service. Interment will be in Long Lake Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Raymond K. Belunes online at www.jacobsfuneralhomeir.com

Funeral arrangements by the Jacobs Funeral Home of Iron River.

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,

Starting Sunday November 26, 2017, the major U.S Tobacco Companies will run federal court mandated TV and print ads highlighting the negative health effects of smoking and secondhand smoke, as well as how the tobacco industry designed cigarettes to be more addictive. The Tobacco companies involved include Altria, its Philip Morris USA subsidiary and R.J. Reynolds.

These ads are a result of a 2006 Federal court ruling which ordered the tobacco companies to issue "corrective statements" after finding that they had violated civil racketeering laws (RICO) and deliberately deceived the American public about the health effects of smoking and industry plans to market tobacco to kids! This case and the corrective statements are a timely reminder both that tobacco use remains an enormous public health problem in the United States-it is the No. 1 cause of preventable disease and death-and that tobacco's horrific toll stems from the harmful practices of the tobacco industry.

Make no mistake: The tobacco companies are not running these ads voluntarily or because of a legal settlement. These ads are being run under Federal court order that is forcing tobacco companies to run the ads, after 11 years of using appeals to delay and weaken the ruling. The tobacco industry's unwillingness to do the ads is obvious in how they display the ads, they are not like the usual cigarette ads that feature bright colors, attractive models, and the promise of fun. These court mandated ads almost seem designed to be ignored-simply featuring plain text over a white background.

There will be five corrective statements issued by the tobacco companies about how they deliberately deceived the public about:

- The adverse health effects of smoking
- The addictiveness of smoking and nicotine
- The lack of significant health benefit from smoking "low tar," "light," "ultra light," "mild" and "natural" cigarettes (products that have been deceptively marketed as less harmful than regular cigarettes)
- The manipulation of cigarette design and composition to ensure optimum nicotine delivery
- The adverse health effects of exposure to secondhand smoke

The TV ads will run 5 times a week for one year Monday through Thursday between 7p.m. and 10 p.m. on one of 3 major networks (CBS, ABC, or NBC). In addition;

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA
Full Time Elementary
Special Education Teacher

Job Description: The School District of Wabeno Area is accepting applications for the position of an elementary special education teacher. This is a full-time position for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Responsibilities may include, but are not limited to: creating, updating, and implementing the IEP's for all assigned students in a timely and professional manner, and evaluating new students as assigned. Applications need to reflect a willingness to participate in academic/behavioral grade level teams and to promote and contribute to our positive school climate.

Qualifications: Candidates must have an appropriate DPI license (1801 Cross-categorical Special Education or 1811 Learning Disability). Applicants must possess the knowledge and skills to work as a team to develop a comprehensive IEP along with the ability to administer and interpret test data. An innovative approach with a focus on continuous improvement is necessary.

Requirements: Candidates must have an appropriate DPI license (1801 Cross-categorical Special Education or 1811 Learning Disability).

How to Apply: Interested and licensed candidates may apply on WECAN or may submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license(s), and three (3) current letters of reference to: Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, School District of Wabeno Area, PO Box 460 Wabeno, WI 54566. This position will remain open until filled.

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

WANTED
POLICE OFFICER - CRANDON POLICE DEPT.

Reason for Announcement: Fill Vacancy Part-time
Responsibilities: Physical ability to perform essential functions of a police officer; ability to use all standard police equipment, techniques, and use of force options; good verbal and written communication skills, as well as knowledge in operating computer programs and systems. **Wage:** \$17.41 per hour **Benefits:** clothing allowance; **Qualifications:** U.S. citizen; minimum age - 18; driver's license; good driving record; good physical condition; eligibility for Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board Certification; high school diploma; at least 60 college credits from an accredited institution; ability to possess a firearm; no felony convictions; no domestic abuse convictions; vision correctable to 20/20; good verbal and written communication skills; react quickly and effectively to stressful situations; able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays; clear and concise speech; ability to handle several tasks simultaneously; ability to perform essential functions of this position; ability to use all standard law enforcement equipment.

Apply by: December 15th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
Submit: Fully Completed DJ-LE-330-Including Questions, Resume.

Contact: Bev Dennison, Crandon Police Department 208 S. Hazeldell Ave., PO Box 44, Crandon, WI 54520
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Letter to Editor

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the tobacco companies must place full page print ads in the Sunday editions of more than 50 newspapers across the nation as specified by the court. Five ads-one on each of the corrective statements-will be published over a four-month period starting on November 26, 2017. The ads must also appear on the newspapers websites. Of the 50 newspapers displaying the ads, those available to our local community members include: Chicago Sun Times, Chicago Tribune, The New York Times, USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and Milwaukee Courier.

We are encouraging the public to get involved by visiting the website for the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids at <https://www.tobaccofreekids.org>. To learn about the Northwood's Tobacco-free Coalition contact Corie Zelazoski at 715-369-6115, or email her at czelazoski@co.oneida.wi.us. Tobacco users can get free help by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Forest County Public Health Department at 715-478-3371 or visit our Facebook page for more information.

/s/ Forest County Public Health Department

POTAWATOMI CARTER CASINO • HOTEL **CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

COMPETITIVE WAGES • EXCELLENT BENEFIT PACKAGE

PROMOTIONS COORDINATOR

Status: Full Time, Hourly **Min/Max Wage:** \$13⁶² – \$19⁷⁴

Purpose Assist the Marketing Supervisor with coordination, implementation and communication of entertainment, promotions and special events to ensure guest satisfaction.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Advanced computer knowledge & experience is required. Must be proficient in Microsoft Excel.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Must display professionalism when representing PCCH.
- Must work well with people, possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Must possess strong oral and written communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills and the ability to maintain accuracy are required.

Conditions of Employment

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

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES

Post Date: December 4, 2017 **Closing Date:** December 18, 2017
Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

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

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STAFF ACCOUNTANT

Status: Full Time, Hourly **Min/Max Wage:** \$16⁴⁷ – \$23⁸⁸

Purpose Responsible for assisting and cross-training as the designated back-up for various positions within the Accounting Department, as well as performing general accounting functions.

Qualifications

- Associate Degree in Accounting required.
- Min. six years verifiable experience in Accounting required.
- Advanced computer knowledge is required.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
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Senator Baldwin secures funding for Wisconsin's Great Lakes

Senate Appropriations Committee includes \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Senate Appropriations Committee today released the Fiscal Year 2018 Interior and Environment funding bill, which includes \$300 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) that Senator Baldwin secured as a member of the committee.

“The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is critical for the health of our region, our communities, and our clean water resources. It helps us clean up polluted sites, restore water quality and combat invasive species,” said Senator Baldwin. “Preserving the Great Lakes is not just an environmental goal - it is an economic necessity, and I’m glad to see the Senate Appropriations Committee has taken this positive step to fully fund this important initiative.”

Last month, Senator Baldwin joined a bipartisan group of her Senate colleagues calling on the Office of Management and Budget to include this critical funding in the legislation. A copy of the October letter is available here.

In May, Senator Baldwin championed a bipartisan agreement to fully fund the GLRI in omnibus funding legislation. The GLRI is a critical program for the Great Lakes region that helps protect our clean water resources. President Trump proposed eliminating federal funding for this program, suggesting that instead we could rely on the State of Wisconsin and local governments to provide this critical funding. Senator Baldwin has championed the GLRI and protecting our Great Lakes throughout her time in the Senate. Last year, Senator Baldwin successfully fought to reauthorize the GLRI for five more years in bipartisan legislation signed into law by President Obama.

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Grandon to Carter

	Monday-Thursday		
Courthouse Square (E. Polk St.)	9 a.m.	11 a.m.	1 p.m.
Stone Lake Health & Wellness	9:15 a.m.	11:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Laona Double Buck Cafe	9:25 a.m.	11:25 a.m.	1:25 p.m.
Wabeno Krist Oil	9:40 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	1:40 p.m.
Carter C-Store	9:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Carter Casino	9:50 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	1:50 p.m.

Daily Routes

Carter to Grandon

	Monday-Thursday		
Carter C-Store	9:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Carter Casino	9:50 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	1:50 p.m.
Carter - Shiner Lake Rd./Old 32	9:55 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	1:55 p.m.
Carter - Industrial/Good Heart Ln.	10 a.m.	12 p.m.	2 p.m.
Carter - Sugarbush/Eagle Ln.	10 a.m.	12 p.m.	2 p.m.
Wabeno Krist Oil	10:05 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
Laona - Double Buck Café	10:20 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	2:20 p.m.
Stone Lake Caring Place/Housing	10:35 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
Stone Lake Everybody's Rd.	10:35 a.m.	12:35 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
Stone Lake Health & Wellness	10:40 a.m.	12:40 p.m.	2:40 p.m.
Stone Lake C-Store	10:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
Stone Lake Young's Lane	10:50 a.m.	12:50 p.m.	2:50 p.m.
Stone Lake Traveling Times	10:55 a.m.	12:55 p.m.	2:55 p.m.
Stone Lake LNR/Gte Ga Nes	11 a.m.	1 p.m.	3 p.m.
Crandon Pioneer Plaza	11:05 a.m.	1:05 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
Crandon Courthouse Square	11:10 a.m.	1:10 p.m.	3:10 p.m.

WORK Route

Monday-Thursday

Crandon to Stone Lake

6:30-6:55 a.m. Arrival
5-5:25 p.m. Drop Off

Crandon Courthouse Square (E. Polk St.)
6:30 a.m. 5:25 p.m.

Stone Lake Health & Wellness
6:40 a.m. 5:15 p.m.

Stone Lake Executive Building
6:50 a.m. 5:05 p.m.

Stone Lake Caring Place/Housing
6:55 a.m. 5 p.m.

Carter to Stone Lake

6:30-6:55 a.m. Arrival
5-5:25 p.m. Drop Off

Carter C-Store
6 a.m. 5:50 p.m.

Carter Casino
6:05 a.m. 5:45 p.m.

Wabeno Krist Oil
6:10 a.m. 5:40 p.m.

Laona Double Buck Cafe
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- **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** - N8934 st highway 55. Worship at 9:00 a.m. Sunday. Located at the corner of 55 and Cty A in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information. After school programs at 3:30 on Wednesdays.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** - Hwy 55N, Crandon. All Services will be held at St. John Lutheran Church located at 5502 Beech St. in Laona, until further notice.
- **St John Lutheran Church** - 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. Bible School Mondays at 3:30 p.m.
- **Trinity Evangelical 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. 715-478-5620.
- **Overeaters Anonymous meeting** - Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in Associated Bank at 210 S Lake Ave., Crandon. Contact Debra at 715-784-0031 for more information.
- **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 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. Meetings for November, December & January will be held at Duck's Bar.
- **Pickerel area 50 Plus** will meet at St Mary's Church on Thursday, Dec 14th at 12 noon for our annual Christmas Party. Cards, Bingo will following meal. Bring two Bingo prizes. Bring friends and a dish to pass.
- **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.
- **Senior Snoop Shop** - Closed for the season.
- **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** - NEW WINTER HOURS: Every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Dec. 21 at the Nashville Town Hall, on the corner of Highway 55 & County B in Crandon. Interested vendors or for more information, call Lindy at 715-484-3152.
- **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 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 info call Sue at 715-275-5399.
- **Crandon Public Library Board Monthly** meeting. 6 p.m. Lower Level. 715.478.3784. www.crandonpl.org.
- **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.
- **AA Meeting** - Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Carter Springs. Contact Peggy at 715-889-3116 for more information.

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Wabeno School District Breakfast Menu Dec.01, 2017
Fri: Breakfast pizza, peaches, fruit juice, milk

FOR SALE: Speed Queen electric washer and dryer, \$100 for pair. Frigidaire upright freezer, \$75. Available Dec. 8. Call 920-621-3042. P35

Mon.: Whole grain cereal, applesauce, fruit juice, milk
Tues.: W.G. pancake, sausage links, pineapple chunks, milk
Wed.: Scrambled eggs, sausage patties, breakfast potato, citrus fruit cup, fruit juice, milk.
Thur.: Breakfast taco with tomato salsa, Strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk.
Fri.: Blueberry pancakes, sausage links, banana, fruit juice, milk

FOR SALE: Oak firewood, \$85 per cord delivered. Call 715-478-2526 or 715-889-1433. Betc34

Wabeno School District Lunch Menu Dec. 1, 2017
Italian chicken strips, buttered noodles, peaches, corn, garden bar, milk

Wabeno School District Lunch Menu Dec. 4 - 8, 2017
Mon.: Taco bar, Spanish rice, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
Tue.: Build your own sub, chips, slushie cups, pears, garden bar, milk
Wed.: BBQ pork sandwiches, baked beans, carrots, sliced apples, garden bar, milk
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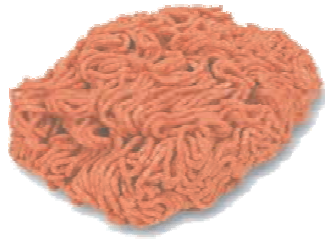
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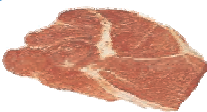
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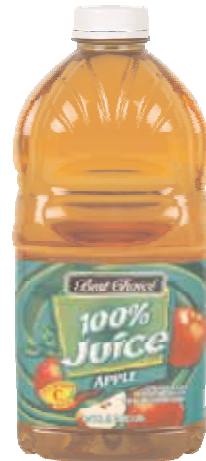
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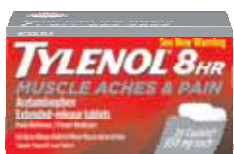


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Prisoners that are taken to court leave by this door on right to the courthouse door on left. Dennee says that this can be a risk in today's society, not to mention a liability question in winter

Obviously, they can't be housed with male prisoners. The female sector is roughly 30% of the total amount of prisoners on average.

Our sheriff also said that in today's society, our old courtroom isn't secure enough. As he said, it is in a beautiful building and a beautiful room, but offers little in security. It would be hard to argue that society hasn't taken a turn for the worse! As Dennee said, "Forest County is not separate from the world."

While it doesn't seem to be a big deal to walk an inmate from the jail to the courthouse, he pointed out that there can be possible retribution from another person involved in the drug crime that isn't a prisoner. Being outside makes them vulnerable as well as the deputy escorting them. There is also a chance for a liability suit should a prisoner slip on the ice going to court. All of the prisoners aren't just local guys and girls, but some rough types from urban environments.

Dennee said that they need more cells, more security and the ability to segregate prisoners. Obviously, you can't house prisoners together that are involved in the same case. It might be added that he could also use more jailers, so if you need a job, call him.

In addition to these problems, there is a lack of storage, both for equipment and files. Many files are kept forever, and while this is the digital age, the cost of digitizing what is already in the file room would be staggering.

There are plenty of other problems with our courthouse and jail facility, some major and some not. The heating plant for the courthouse is an antique that is constantly being repaired, and the cost to replace it, according to the talk on the subject, is about \$100,000. Other leaks and problems that arise with age and usage have to be addressed.

Currently, the county board has contracted with the Samuels Group to identify problems and offer solutions to the problems.

Currently, there are several different plans that were presented to the county board.

At this point, and it is likely there will be changes as the process moves along, there is a \$16,000,000 plan that will keep the current courthouse. There is a more elaborate plan that keeps the courthouse that pushes close to \$26,000,000. A plan that removes the old landmark courthouse and replacing it with a modern building is estimated at about \$23,000,000. These prices could and will likely change during a bidding process on the construction.

Will this affect your taxes? To be sure. Can the problems be ignored? No, they can't. Should the public

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and the county board work together on this building project so that any tax hike is affordable while meeting the demands on the facility? Hopefully!

There will certainly be more news on this subject in the months to come. Stay tuned!



File storage is an issue at the jail. Most records are kept forever as the law dictates. Digitizing would cost a fortune, and with the amount of inmates, the files are growing faster than ever.



The employee locker room also doubles as an overcrowded storage room. More room is needed.

Hunting

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percent decrease) antlerless; and
 Total: 98,364 (.4 percent increase) antlered and 97,374 (1.9 percent decrease) antlerless.

Hunters are required to register harvested deer before 5 p.m. the day after harvest at gamereg.wi.gov or by calling 1-844-426-3734. Any hunter who failed to follow mandatory registration rules should do so now, despite having missed the deadline. For more information regarding preliminary registration search keywords "weekly totals."

Preliminary license sales totals
 In 2017, 588,387 gun deer licenses were sold through the end of the nine-day gun deer season, less than a 2 percent drop over last year. In total, 821,876 gun, archery and crossbow licenses (not including upgrades) have been sold through the end of the nine-day gun deer season, slightly more than 1 percent drop compared to 2016. Deer hunting license and tag sales will continue throughout remaining deer hunting seasons.

Hunting Incidents
 Conservation wardens report seven non-fatal hunting incidents in seven counties during the gun-deer season. Incidents occurred in Brown, Shawano, Washburn, Clark, Forest, Waukesha and Ozaukee counties. None of the seven incidents involved mentored youth hunters.

Hunting in Wisconsin is safe which is demonstrated by our continued downward trend in hunting incidents. Four of the last five deer seasons were fatality-free and nine out of the last 10 deer season ended with single-digit incident totals.

Chief Conservation Warden Todd Schaller credits the declining number of hunting incidents to sportsmen and sportswomen who know and use firearm safety principles -- and the thousands of volunteer hunter education instructors who host hunter safety courses statewide.

"Conservation wardens saw hunters following the firearm safety message of TABK - and took time to educate those who were not," Schaller said. "Hunters, and families of hunters, were out enjoying a treasured Wisconsin tradition."

As the 2017 hunting season offers additional opportunities, Schaller says it is important to stay safety-minded to continue Wisconsin's strong safety record.



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program would likely increase. Finally, many policy experts wonder if the Trump Administration believes the program is ineffective, does it make sense to eliminate the program or, alternatively, would it make sense to make reforms to the program to improve its efficiency given the pressing need for employment by many seniors? As Congress considers whether to adopt this proposal within Trump's budget, it is important that people talk to their legislators and make their voices heard.

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Monday - December 4 - Alvin, Nelma, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus driver:** Fred Draves IV
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Tuesday - December 5 - Roast pork, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, rye bread, yellow cake - **BINGO: Armstrong Creek**
Tuesday - December 12 - BBQ pork ribs, 1/2 baked potato with sour cream, broccoli salad, dinner roll, cream puff - **MUSIC: Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON
Wednesday - December 6 - Turkey sandwich on whole wheat, potato salad, fruit, Oh Henry bar
Wednesday - December 13 - Beef pot roast, mashed potato, Harvard beets, dinner roll, chocolate chip bar

LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE
Thursday - December 7 - Chicken dijon, 1/2 baked potato with sour cream, herbed carrots, bread stick, sherbet

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 14 - Chicken alfredo, pasta, broccoli, fruit, dinner roll, oatmeal cookies
ALVIN

Thursday - December 7 - Shepard's pie, potatoes, mixed vegetables, peaches, dinner roll, bars
Thursday - December 14 - Pork, potatoes, sauerkraut, applesauce, wheat bread, cookies

*** Effective Dec. 7, the Alvin Meal Site will be serving meals at 1 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. ***

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 Forest County Elderly Benefits Specialist, Kathy O'Melia, has a new local telephone number. Kathy can be reached at 715-478-3067.

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.

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

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

Senior Chatter

Elimination of Senior Community Service Employment Program

Submitted by Kathy O'Melia

The job environment for senior citizens seeking work is not all that welcoming. It takes older workers longer to find a job once unemployed because businesses generally hire younger employees who will accept lower wages. In addition, various studies have shown that older Americans may face unique challenges finding work, including health problems, living in rural areas, and the plain fact that they may have a limited working future. Moreover, the age discrimination reported by many older workers in surveys is, sadly, real and commonplace. As a result, older workers typically take at least twice as long to find jobs than their younger peers.

One program that has helped seniors seeking employment is the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). SCSEP is the nation's oldest program that helps low-income unemployed individuals ages 55+ find work. The 52-year-old program provides job training and temporary part-time subsidized employment for roughly 65,000 older workers annually. Its goal is to find permanent, full-time, unsubsidized jobs for seniors. Eighteen national organizations operate the program at over 2,000 nonprofits and government agencies. The national organizations participating in SCSEP include Senior Service America and AARP. It is the only federal job training program focused on the unique needs of older workers. As one SCSEP participant stated, "[w]ithout SCSEP I would not be able to pay for Medicare Supplemental Insurance, car or rental insurance."

Amongst many cuts to the Department of Labor budget, the Trump Administration's FY 2018 Budget would eliminate this program. The president's Fiscal 2018 budgets says: "SCSEP is ineffective in its goal of transitioning seniors into unsubsidized employment." The administration considers the program ineffective because about one-third of participants don't finish it and, of those who do, only about half land full-time jobs.

It is important to remember some facts before labeling this program ineffective. First, the target population that SCSEP serves face a job market that is inhospitable to lower-income, long-term unemployed older workers. The jobless rate of worker 55+ who previously earned less than \$20,000 annually is three times higher than for older workers in general. Second, last year SCSEP participants provided \$280 million in community service -- nearly twice the total appropriation for the program. Third, despite the claims that the program is ineffective, 65,082 low-income older Americans received paid employment and training in 2016. These are individuals who have obtained employment rather than being on other government programs. Moreover, over 88 percent of those seniors who participated in the program reported the same or better physical health while working.

In addition, due to the small amount of government funding for the program, it only serves a tiny fraction of those individuals who are eligible for and need the services of the program. The Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University has estimated that nine million people age 55 to 74 were eligible for SCSEP. However, only about 65,000 low-income older Americans participate in the program annually -- that's because the program only receives around \$434 million of funding currently. If the program served a wider group of eligible seniors due to economy of scale the success rate of the

Alzheimer's education classes announced for December

Alzheimer's Association programs are open to all at no charge

Rhinelander, Wisconsin -- November 15, 2017 -- Each month, the Alzheimer's Association offers family education programs across Wisconsin. These classes are designed to assist anyone with questions about Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.

All programs are free-of-charge and open to families, caregivers and the general community. Each program is presented by an Alzheimer's Association staff member or trained community volunteer. The Association's family education programs have earned evidence-based citations demonstrating the benefits of patient education and outcomes through programming.

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Caregiver Stress: Take Care of Yourself
 Caregivers will gain a better understanding of the disease, the changes and how these may affect their caregiving journey. Learn what stress is, how to identify stress and initiate an action plan to ease caregiving stress.
 Date/Time: Tuesday, December 12 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 Location: Crandon Public Library, 110 W. Polk Street, Crandon

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 19 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 Location: Oneida Senior Center, 100 Keenan Street, Rhinelander

Date/Time: Thursday, December 21 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
 Location: Vilas County Courthouse - Commission on Aging, 330 Court Street, Eagle River

Effective Communication Strategies
 This program helps families facing Alzheimer's explore effective communication strategies and learn how to decode messages through attitude, tone of voice, facial expressions and body language.
 Date/Time: Wednesday, December 13 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 Location: Antigo Public Library, 617 Clermont Street, Antigo

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.
 Date/Time: Thursday, December 7 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
 Location: Phillips Public Library, 286 Cherry Street, Phillips

Date/Time: Thursday, December 14 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
 Location: Lac du Flambeau Wellness Center, 129 Old Abe Road, Lac du Flambeau

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the Latest Research

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 Date/Time: Thursday, December 14 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm
 Location: Minocqua Public Library, 415 Menominee Street, Minocqua

These programs are made possible, in part, by funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's®.

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.



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Nicolet's Nursing Assistant program rated "top tier" by state reviewer

Calling it one of the top Nursing Assistant training programs in Wisconsin, the academic program at Nicolet College was recently awarded another two years of certification from the Wisconsin Department of Health's Office of Caregiver Quality.

"Without question Nicolet's Nursing Assistant program is top tier and one of the best in the state," said Cindy Hintze, Nurse Aide Training Consultant with the Wisconsin Department of Health. "On a scale of one out of 10 it's definitely a 10. Students are clearly learning the skills they need for successful careers in the field."

During her recent on-site visit Hintze scrutinized virtually every aspect of the program, including the curriculum and level of academic rigor, student test scores, program policies, and even student attendance records.

She's been reviewing Nicolet's Nursing Assistant program for the past 22 years, visiting campus and evaluating the program every two years as required by law. "Nicolet has consistently been a top performer during that entire time and this year was no different," she said. There was one aspect that did particularly stand out during her latest visit: the student evaluations of the program and instructors.

"It was impressive to see how many students genuinely enjoy being enrolled in the program and how well respected the faculty members are," she said. "That is always great to see."

Student comments were submitted anonymously and included:

"Thank you for teaching me everything you did and making sure I had all of the skills I needed to succeed."

"The hands-on activities and all of the demonstrations really helped me learn all of the things I needed to know."

"Our instructor was fantastic at engaging our class and teaching in an interactive way. I felt very well prepared ... and am excited to work as a CNA."

Hintze said she was also impressed with the number of Nursing Assistant classes Nicolet holds off-campus in the outlying communities in the Nicolet District. Over the years Nicolet has held classes in Eagle River, Tomahawk, Laona and Crandon. Another class in Laona will start in January.

"That tells me they really go above and beyond and go out of their way to deliver this much-needed instruction and skills to as many people as possible."

Annually, about 130 to 150 students complete the technical diploma program, said Joe Placek, Nicolet's Nursing Assistant program coordinator and instructor.

"These graduates are the ones who work in area nursing homes and long-term care facilities and care for our relatives, friends and neighbors when they can no longer do that themselves," Placek said. "Training these students is a big responsibility and one that we take very seriously."

With demand high for nursing assistants, the program commonly posts a 100 percent job placement for graduates, noted Candy Dailey, interim dean of Health Occupations at Nicolet.

"Becoming a nursing assistant is the first credential students need to earn on their path to becoming a registered nurse," Dailey said. "It's common for Nursing Assistant graduates to get a job in the field and also enroll in classes in the Associate Degree Nursing program. This way they can earn money, get experience in the field, and continue their educations to get them even farther ahead in life."

For more information about Nicolet's Nursing Assistant program and other careers in Health Occupations, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call Nicolet at (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039; TTY 1-800-947-3520 or 711 relay.

Forest Service launches interactive map, seeking input on recreation sites

RHINELANDER, Wis. (November 21, 2017) The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has launched an interactive map to help gather comments on campgrounds, boat landings, picnic areas and beaches as it works to develop a sustainable recreation program.

"The interactive map allows visitors to click on specific recreation sites and share their comments on how they use the site and why it is important to them," said Jeff Mell, Lands, Recreation and Wilderness program manager for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

To access the interactive map go to <https://go.usa.gov/xnBMf> and click on the link to the interactive map and select a recreation site and input your comment.

The comments received will be combined with the Forest's internal analysis and used to develop a draft proposal for a sustainable recreation program. The Forest anticipates sharing a draft proposal in spring 2018.

The Forest is striving to develop a long lasting sustainable program that balances the economic, social and environmental benefits with changing public needs and flat or declining federal budgets. The Forest wants to work with others tribes, partners, volunteers, visitors, and surrounding communities - to help determine the most suitable activities, investments and locations within the context of other offerings on private and public land.

"The Forest understands that this is not an easy task and it will come with difficult tradeoffs which will affect our communities," said Mell. "However, we can no longer afford to maintain aging facilities, underused picnic areas, campsites and recreation areas."

Many of the Forests recreation assets are starting to show signs of disrepair and the costs to operate and maintain these sites continues to increase to a level that is beyond the Forest's capabilities.

"Prior to 2015, the Forest continued to invest in all of our recreation sites despite financial challenges in the recreation program," said Mell. "Since then, we have temporarily closed or reduced services at some of our recreation areas and focused resources on those that were open. We now need to outline a more permanent solution that sets the recreation program on a sustainable path."

To submit your comments go to <https://go.usa.gov/xnBMf> and either click on the interactive map or comment form. You may also visit any of the Forest Service offices.

The initial comment period is from November 1 through December 31st. The Forest will also be using comments submitted in the past as part of this process.

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Johnson outlines tax concerns

WASHINGTON - U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) discussed his concerns regarding the treatment of pass-through businesses in tax reform proposals currently being considered in Congress during appearances on CNN's "New Day" and CNBC's "Squawk Box" Thursday. Pass-throughs account for 96 percent of all U.S. businesses, including many leading job creators in Wisconsin. Excerpts from the interviews are below, and the full segments can be found here: [CNN / CNBC](http://cnn.com)

"The folks who wrote the framework for this tax reform realize that if we're going to make American businesses globally competitive ... we need to make sure every American company remains competitive and we can't leave the pass-through businesses behind, which is why they came up with a 25 percent pass-through rate. The problem is neither the House nor the Senate version honored that 25 percent rate. It's far higher, and we are leaving those pass-through businesses behind, and those pass-through businesses really are the engines of economic growth, job creation and innovation in our economy."

"I'm just looking for a fair shake for all businesses to maintain the competitive balance and position of all businesses. Let's not upset that apple cart and harm our economy."
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"I've got concerns when 82 percent of the business total tax refund goes to corporations and we are leaving pass-throughs at an economic disadvantage in terms of competition. I want to work this White House, I want to fix this problem and I want to pass pro-growth reform."

"I got a call from President Trump last night. He's telling me 'I'll get the information.' I'm going to meet with Treasury officials today. I will work my tail off over the weekend to fix this problem so we can move forward with pro-growth tax reform."

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"Prior to Obamacare the differential between the top marginal tax rates between pass-throughs and C-corps was 4.6 percent. Obamacare drove it to 8.4 percent, the Senate bill takes it to 16 percent to over 17 percent - that differential, that's what I'm talking about, that's the problem that has to be fixed."

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Wabeno High students to raise brook trout in the classroom



A student at Wabeno High School carefully places the 100 brook trout eggs into the tank.

Trout in the Classroom is an interdisciplinary program that teaches children about brook trout, the North Branch of the Oconto River, and conservation.

Last week, over 100 brook trout eggs were delivered to the Wabeno High School where students were awaiting their arrival. This is the first time the high school has participated in Trout in the Classroom, a nationwide program in which youth raise trout eggs into small fingerlings while learning about trout biology, habitat and conservation. Wabeno Elementary participated last year.

Trout in the Classroom is a fun, hands-on educational program that encourages discussion about trout in classrooms k 12. "I am very excited to help bring Trout in the Classroom to Wabeno. It is a natural fit here as the community is actively working to improve the river and the connection its residents and visitors have to the river," said Laura MacFarland, Trout Unlimited's Great Lakes Stream Restoration Manager. "Thank you to the teacher, Matt Hein, and the administrators at the high school who have assisted in getting the program up and running."

According to Matt Hein, the science teacher helping to implement the program, "a dozen students in the Environmental Sciences class will care for the trout. They will be responsible for testing the fish tank's water for nitrates, nitrites, ammonium, and more. They will also help feed the trout once they hatch." The purpose of the project is provide a hands on educational experience about the natural environment in the student's own backyard. The North Branch Oconto River in Wabeno which flows through the heart of Wabeno is home to the brook trout. The river has received a lot of attention in recent years as many within the community work to restore the fishery, improve the aesthetic beauty, and increase access to the river.

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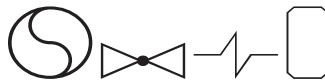
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Through the decades the club has continued to assist with additional habitat improvements. In more recent years, Trout Unlimited volunteers have partnered with the United States Forest Service upstream of Highway 32 to narrow the stream resulting in deeper, cooler water. As a result of these efforts, there has been a great increase in the number of trout. Additional restorations are slated for 2018 to further improve the fishery.

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 5 Star Grant Program, Northwoods Trout Unlimited, Green Bay Trout Unlimited, and the Nicolet Sportsmens Club provided the necessary equipment and supplies, including a fish tank and chiller to keep the water a cold 54 degrees. The brook trout eggs were donated by Silver Moon Springs Trout Farm in Elton, WI.

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The Food Drive Five focuses on donating high protein foods (canned meat/seafood, nuts, beans, and seeds), canned fruits packed in water or 100% fruit juice, whole grains, low sodium colorful veggies, and low sodium soups with protein and veggies. Please help turn your donation into foods that offer good nutrition for families by remembering the "FOOD DRIVE FIVE".

Food donation collection sites can be found at the following locations:

Armstrong Creek: Corner Store, and Laona State Bank
 Crandon: Ascension Clinic, Associated Bank, CoVantage Credit Union, Crandon Public Library, Crandon School District, Forest County Courthouse, Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center, Forest County Potawatomi Community Library, Forest County Potawatomi Family Services Department, Health in Motion, Schaefer's Food Mart, Sokaogon Chippewa Health Clinic, and Laona State Bank

Lakewood: Lakewood SuperValu
 Laona: Ascension Clinic, Laona Edith Evans Public Library, Laona School District, Laona State Bank, and Shell Gas Station

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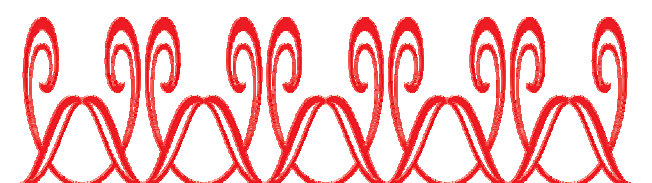
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