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Laona Lions 6th Annual Predator Hunt-January 13th



The Laona Lions 6th Annual Predator Hunt will be on January 13, from 1:00 p.m. until it's over! The headquarters will be at Mudslinger's in Cavour, on Hwy 8 and 139.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The event is open to hound hunters, callers, and anybody who wants to show up, visit with friends, enter the raffles and eat and drink. Door prizes will be awarded every half-hour!

There are prizes offered for largest, smallest and the most coyotes, largest bobcat and largest fox. The winners are determined by weight, and 100% of the entry money will be awarded to the winners.

The entry fee is \$10, and you must be entered by 9:00 p.m. Friday, January 12th. You can register at Mudslingers or JARS in Laona.

For more info, call Dick at 715-889-0841 or Dan at 715-889-0246.

The Laona Lions use the proceeds for a long list of good causes, and even if you don't hunt, you will enjoy the event, so get in on the fun!

Cheri and Paul-Ready to make music for you!



The *Pioneer Express* would like to welcome Cheri and Paul, a husband and wife music duo, to the Crandon area. Paul is no stranger to the area, spending many summers at the family cottage that his father built on Hemlock Lake in the early 1960's. "In some ways, I feel like I've come home," said Paul.

The couple started their "second career" playing small venues in the Northwoods a few years ago. A lifelong desire for Paul turned out to be more than he ever dreamed, with Cheri and Paul performing over 60 gigs in 2017 at venues ranging from local establishments and festivals, to private parties, to the Oneida Casino in Green Bay.

When asked what she likes best about performing, Cheri said, "Meeting new people, definitely meeting new people. I love watching their reaction when they hear a song they haven't heard since high school or one that reminds them of a special moment in their life."

"We grew up in the 60's and 70's so tend to gravitate toward cover songs from that era," said Paul. "We also like to mix in a variety of other genres and are always looking for new song ideas from our audience. We pride ourselves on partnering with local businesses and chambers to provide a customized, affordable music solution for just about any event," said Paul.

If you are interested in hiring Cheri and Paul you can find them on Facebook or contact them at 920-538-3146.

We welcome them to the Crandon area and hope to see them entertaining the local community for years to come.

Forest County Potawatomi Blood Drive

The Forest County Potawatomi Blood Drive will be at 5460 Everybody's Road, Crandon, on Thursday, January 11, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please call Yvonne at 715-478-4319. The blood drive will be located in the lower level of the museum.

Crandon From the Air

Photo by Andy Wienser



Meetings on courthouse renovation to be held this month

The upcoming Forest County Courthouse renovation is sure to be contentious and complicated to understand. Because of this, there will be informational meetings held this month at three locations.

The first meeting will be held in Wabeno on Wednesday, January 10th at the Wabeno High School. It begins at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting number two will be on Wednesday, January 17th at Crandon High School at 7:00 p.m.

The last meeting will be held in Laona at the High School on January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

On the brochure you will be receiving in the mail, the meetings are listed as informational, and it is assumed that questions from the audience will be answered.

On the brochure you will be receiving, there are two options listed. Option number 1 keeps the 1909 courthouse and costs \$25.8 million. Option number 2 removes the courthouse and costs \$22.8 million. Less expensive options aren't listed.

Hometown Trolley employees donate Christmas gift to Humane Society



Hometown Trolley employees gave a portion of their paychecks for the entire month of December to donate to the Crandon Humane Society. The company matched the donation, the gift totaling \$1,115.00.

"As our company grows, it is our imperative responsibility and a blessing to give back to our community collectively. We drive past the animal shelter every single day; it warms our hearts to help support the shelter that gives so much to care for these animals."- CEO/President Kristina Pence-Dunow

Hometown Trolley continues to thrive because of our employees and the community in which we are located. We hold a responsibility to give back to our community that supports the growth and success of our business. We want to continue making our community a better place and to help in any way we can.

"I would love to see this momentum continue in the future and be able to do more donations and volunteering programs. Our team was excited to give back and help our community's animal shelter and it was great to see everyone want to be a part of such a great cause! It makes our everyday lives have a bit more importance and a little less mundane!"- Marketing Director Jessica Pence

Hometown Trolley is a third generation, family owned and operated manufacturing business located in Crandon.

Over \$1000 raised for the Erna Rousseau Scholarship fund



Guests gather at the beginning of the evening to find out who the murderer is.

On Saturday, December 9th, the Wabeno Area Players presented "The Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest." It was held in the beautiful atmosphere of Flowers from the Heart in Crandon.

This audience participation murder mystery show was a huge success and raised over \$1,000 for the Erna Rousseau Scholarship Fund. The event was sold out within eight days after tickets were available. Everyone that attended became part of the show. All involved came in costume, an ugly christmas sweater and as a character in the murder mystery. Fun was had by all. Door prize giveaways and raffles were held throughout the night.

Flowers from the Heart and owner Bruce Walentowski have been major supporters of the Erna Rousseau Scholarship and Wabeno Area Players. Bruce wanted to do something different this year and give back to the communities his business has served for 30 years. A special part of the evening was when Flowers from the Heart owner, Bruce Walentowski, was awarded a plaque in recognition of 30 years of business and service to the communities that he and his business serve.

The scholarship is in the memory of Erna Rousseau, a lifelong piano teacher and accompanist from Wabeno. Erna always made time for students from the area and supported the arts fully. It's awarded annually to a

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Correction to article on Executive Committee from last week

In last week's article on the Forest County Board's Executive Committee meeting, Judy Savard was accidentally left out of the list of those attending. Ms. Savard added much to the meeting, and she also live-streamed the meeting to Facebook.

Savard has been live-streaming the meetings she attends. To view the meetings on Facebook go to Citizens For Clean Government For Forest County.

Of course, it would be better yet if more citizens took an interest in county government. If you watch this site, you may develop an interest.

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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.

The participants who attended the first session decided that they would continue to meet at 1:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

The third session will be held on Monday, January 8th; and the participants will be discussing Dead Angler, in addition to preparing for The Guernsey Literary And Potato Peel Pie Society for the fourth session.

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

One of the most honorable and important positions in America is, without doubt, the president. But, whichever candidate you voted for in the last election, it seems that the majority of people are thinking that there has to be someone out there who would be better suited for the position. And now, with celebrities promising that they'll run in the next election, it seems like just about anyone can be president. So, without further ado:

Anyone Can Be President

By Sheca Rallmash.

Ladies, gentlemen, humans of any gender, non-humans of any gender, and any other plant, mythical creature, or non-personified entity you may identify as, I address you all today because you all have one thing in common: you can all vote. Unless you can't, in which case, I'm not talking to you. But if you can, then listen up, because I stand before you today to convince you that I would be a great future ruler of your entire country. Or, at least, the best available option. Anyway, your vote affects the future of your great nation. Not directly, of course, but your vote affects your electoral vote, which then affects the future of your great nation, for the next four to eight years. Well, unless I REALLY mess up somewhere along the line, in which case, it'll roughly take twenty to thirty years for the economy to get back into shape. Or there's always the possibility of me starting a nuclear war, which would affect the future of the world forever. Anyway, my campaign director is screaming into my ear piece to cut to the chase, so let's get into my promises as president. Good ol' non legally binding promises.

So, on the limousine ride over here, I was thinking of some things that would brain wa- I mean, convince, the American public to vote for me. No ideas are bad ideas, so I jotted them all down on note cards, and forgot half of them. So, these are some things I'll do as your president to save America. First off, drugs. Drugs come in from everywhere, right? They come from every country, and are brought in using multiple methods of transportation. They're brought in by car and on foot, of course, but what about by boat? A simple wall over one border isn't going to stop that. And, worst of all, drugs can even be flown in by plane! I mean, I can only imagine that's what crop dusting is. So, anyway... Where was I going with this? Oh, yeah, I came up with a method to stop ALL drugs from getting into our great country. Three words: Giant. Metal. Dome. If we build a giant metal dome AROUND America, no drugs will get in from anywhere! It will also stop all nukes, hurricanes, illegal immigrants... The list is endless! Wait... Aren't domes circles? Is America a circle? Ah, we'll just have it cut through Mexico, I'm sure they won't mind.

Now, you may be wondering how we're going to pay for this giant metal dome. Well, there's a very simple solution to this: Just print more money! No brainer, right? Ha, I don't know how no one has thought of it before! We can pay off debts to other countries, end poverty, send everyone to college for free... It's foolproof!

And now, for my final idea. At this time in history, there are too many rivaling forces for Americans to be afraid of. North Korea, Isis, China's economy, there's just too many countries to keep track. Which is why I propose this: What if we just deleted them from the maps? I mean, if we don't recognize them as countries, can they really be called countries? If we just pretend our problems aren't there, they won't exist! Come to think of it, we can just delete all our problems! Research reports on global warming? Delete them! News stories about deadly natural disasters? Delete them! Emails? Delete them! As long as we don't see our problems, they aren't there! Wait... Hold on a sec, my earpiece is ringing, I gotta take this.

Hey, what is it, I'm on a roll! ... Yeah? ... Mhm? ... Approval ratings in negative numbers? ... Six assassination attempts? ... Riots in the streets? ... Man, it seems like the public really doesn't like me. My campaign speech is working perfectly! Now all I have to do is wait until I become an internet meme, have the public sarcastically vote for me, and then keep me in office to see what crazy thing I'll do next! You know, it just goes to show that at this time in history, the American Presidency is a more honorable job than ever!

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Official Call To Caucus 2018 Republican Party Of Oconto County Wisconsin

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE IS HEREBY CALLED, A COUNTY CAUCUS pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the Republican Party of Oconto County, to be held at the Village of Suring Administrative Building, 604 East Main Street, Suring, WI commencing at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, January 13th, 2018 for the transaction of the following business: 1. To promulgate and adopt Reports of the Treasurer, the Secretary and the Chairman. 2. To elect County Delegates and Alternates to the 2018 8th District Caucus at the Crystal Falls Banquet Facility in New London, Wisconsin (Saturday, March 10, 2018), and the 2018 Republican Party of Wisconsin State Convention at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Saturday, May 12, 2018). 3. To identify County nominees to potentially serve as elected district representatives on Credentials, Rules, and Resolutions Committees at the 2019 Republican Party of Wisconsin State Convention. 4. To transact any other business that may be necessary to fulfill the objectives of the Republican Party of Oconto County. The Caucus is open to all Members of the Republican Party of Oconto County, those interested in becoming Members and interested residents of Oconto County. 2018 County Party Member Dues can be paid prior to, or at the Caucus. There is plenty of parking and coffee, tea and donuts will be served at the Caucus. If you would like more information on the Caucus or the Republican Party of Oconto County, write us at ocontorepublicans@gmail.com or call 920-373-7563 or 715-276-3025.

TENTATIVE AGENDA 9:30 AM Executive Committee Meeting

10:00 AM CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Alliance to the Flag (Dan Tutas) Introduction of Party Officials Introduction of Caucus attendees Treasurer Report (Mary Tutas) Secretary Report (Debra Jolly) Chairman Report (Kevin Barthel)

10:15 AM New Business
 • Nominate Members to potentially serve as 8th District RPW representatives on Credentials, Rules and Resolutions Committees at 2019 State Convention;
 • Election of Oconto County Delegates and Alternates to 8th District Caucus and the RPW State Convention for 2018
 • Proposals for 8th District Caucus Rules Changes,
 • Proposals and Discussion of Oconto County Resolutions for 8th District Caucus
 • 2017 RPW County Awards Package
 • 2018 Events: Discuss dates and venues for; Lincoln Day Lunch (April), Friday Fish Fry (June), Summer Picnic (August), Parades (Memorial Day to Labor Day), County Fair Booth (August)

11:15 AM Remarks and legislative updates from elected representatives (INVITED: Congressman Gallagher, Senator Tiffany, Representatives Nygren Mursau, Macco, Sheriff Jansen) Remarks from local candidates Remarks from Republican Party of Wisconsin Regional Representative (Conner Hines)

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Death Notices

Adeline Nancy Volk, 71, of Wabeno, WI went to the Lord on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at her home with her family by her side. Nancy was born January 28, 1946 in Laona, the daughter of Harter and Marcella (Champeau) Enders. She was united in marriage to Jan Volk on August 2, 1969 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Nancy attended St. Norbert College in De Pere where she received her Bachelors Degree in English. After college, Nancy went on to become a teacher for the Wabeno School District until her retirement in 2003.



Nancy had a tremendous professional impact on the community of Wabeno and its students during her 35 years as an educator. As an English teacher, students learned to "fear the red pen" and her firm but fair critiques of their efforts in writing. Always a stickler for proper grammar, Nancy could leave a student feeling frustrated by her demands for excellence while, at the same time, knowing they had a compassionate, unwavering advocate in their corner. Nancy knew that all of those red marks would result in students prepared to meet the demands that college would bring. Nancy also opened the eyes of several generations of WHS students to the classics of American literature such as "Of Mice and Men", "To Kill a Mockingbird", and "Grapes of Wrath". The third aspect of Nancy's passion for teaching English was speech and communication. She spent numerous summers and long nights after school making the 100 mile trek to Stevens Point to earn her Masters Degree in Communication. She mentored hundreds of students as the Wabeno High School forensics coach, many who remember the trips to the state competition in Madison where they were able to get to know Mrs. Volk in a more relaxed, laid back setting.

Nancy's most lasting professional impact, and her greatest passion, is likely the development and nurturing of the Wabeno drama program. As director of the annual Wabeno High School musical, Mrs. Volk treated the community to classics like "Bye, Bye Birdie", "Guys and Dolls", "Finian's Rainbow", and "Damn Yankees". Nancy brought the arts and drama to the wider community by helping found her "baby," the Wabeno Area Players. During her last years, the Players brought Nancy so much joy, even though her illness prevented her from participating at the level she desired. Her impact will continue to be felt as the Wabeno Area Players will be sponsoring an annual scholarship in Nancy's memory.

Nancy's impact in the community could also be felt in her participation at St. Ambrose Church and with the Wabeno Lions Club. Nancy was a fixture for many years as a lector at St. Ambrose, and spent many years developing and organizing the church's lay minister schedule. She became close to many of the priests at St. Ambrose, including Father Philip, Father Dave, and Father Jason, all of whom provided amazing spiritual guidance in her final days. Father Jerry was a regular guest at Nancy and Jan's for Christmas Eve dinner for many years. As a member of the Lions Club, Nancy volunteered her time to many causes and served the club in a variety of capacities.

Nancy's greatest love of her life was always her family. She dearly loved her brothers and sisters and would do anything to spend time with them, including the trips to Las Vegas and Florida that she loved so much. Her nephews and nieces were like sons and daughters to her, and she would never miss a birthday or graduation party that involved them or their children. Her ultimate love, of course, were her grandsons, Max and Mitch. She loved nothing more than hugging her babies, taking them to the Tundra Lodge for a weekend of fun, and spending time taking boat rides at the lake. Nancy loved listening to her boys play music, and she never missed a concert, even when it required her to drive two hours in great pain.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Harter and Marcella; sister, Carole Rocole; brothers, William, Ron and James Enders; brother-in-law, Rocky Rocole; and sister-in-law, Penny Enders.

Nancy is survived, and will be greatly missed, by her husband, Jan Volk of 48 years; son, Shawn (Deborah) Volk of Combined Locks; grandchildren, Maxwell and Mitchell Volk; sisters, Kathy (Lamont) Mathews of Cottage Grove, Mary (Don) Rothbauer of Bloomer, and Susan (Larry) Wilson of Green Bay; brother, Chuck (Carol) Enders of Laona, WI; and sister-in-law, Valoise Enders.

Funeral services for Nancy were held at St. Ambrose Catholic Church on Saturday, December 23, 2017. Interment followed at St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery. Online condolences may be directed to the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Richard Matthew Quinlan, age 88, of Wabeno, passed away Monday, January 1, 2018. Services pending. Please contact Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Wabeno 715-473-3131 for visitation and services times or visit our website www.weberhillfuneralhome.com Online condolences may be left for the family at that website.

Twila Marjorie Whiteman Will of Wausau, WI passed Dec. 31, 2017 at Eastview Nursing Home in Antigo, WI. She was born October 27, 1920 in Broken Bow, NE, the daughter of Harvey and Nellie Whiteman.



After graduation from Broken Bow High School she continued her schooling in Kearney, NE earning her teaching certificate. During a summer baseball game, she met Arnold Will of Ringle, WI while he was stationed at Fort Kearney. They were married November 25, 1943 in Seward, NE. Arnold passed October 31, 1978. They had four children: Alan (Carolyn) Will, Randolph Lee Will, Deborah (Jerome) Warpehoski and Althea Schaepe.

Also surviving are grandchildren, Charles (Nancy Shore) Warpehoski; and great-grandchildren, Camille and Oren, Ann (Andy) Radil, Henry, Jennifer (Noah) Warpehoski-Fulcher, Adiah, Jason (Jodi) Preiss, Jordan and Jaylee.

After moving to Wisconsin, she taught in K through 8, one room schools through the late 50's. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Wisconsin State College in Stevens Point in 1964 and her Master's Degree from UW-Eau Claire in 1968 while raising her family. She taught Special Education in Edgar for several years and retired from the Merrill School district in 1985.

She traveled extensively in the US, Canada and Mexico and took two trips to Europe. While traveling in the US, she pursued genealogy and found ancestors who had fought in the Revolutionary War and was proud to be active in the Wisconsin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting and crocheting and visiting her family.

The funeral service for Twila was at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Helke Funeral Home in Wausau. Pastor Glenn Seefeldt will be officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home on Friday. Committal was at Restlawn Memorial Park. Helke Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements; you may sign our family guest book at helke.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Prairie River Middle School Library (106 Polk Street, Merrill, WI 54452), the DAR National Library (www.dar.org/donatenow) or a local library of your choice.

A heartfelt word of appreciation goes to the nurses and staff of LeRoy Hospice Care and the staff of the former Crandon Nursing Home for their compassionate care.

Glenn A. Burger, 89, of Argonne, WI passed away on Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Friendly Village in Rhinelander. Glenn was born in Crandon on October 19, 1928, the son of Joseph and Thelma (Schalock) Burger. Glenn served in the U.S. Army in Korea.



After the service he worked for Clarence Brown fixing cars, then went to work for Morris Roberts Logging, then at Consolidated Paper Company for 19 years until he retired. Glenn was one to the first Argonne Volunteer Firefighters in 1956 and was the last of the original volunteers. He enjoyed his cars and trucks and if you needed something fixed he always would lend a hand.

He is survived by his niece, Virginia Wernli of Fredericksburg, Virg.; and nephew, David Burger of Palm Springs, Calif.

Glenn is preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Raymond and Jack.

A special thank you to Dan Thomachefsky for his outstanding lifelong friendship to Glenn and Friendly Village for there extraordinary care in Glenn's final years.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 4, 2018 at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon with Pastor Bill Farr officiating. Burial to follow at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service at Weber-Hill Funeral Home.

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

Ione Christensen, beloved daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother, quietly slipped into eternity Sunday, December 31, 2017. She was born in Wausau, January 21, 1926, but spent most of her youth in Crandon.



After high school graduation at age 17, she moved to Elkhart, IN to work in a munitions factory during WWII. After the war ended, she married the love of her life, Donald Kenneth Christensen. While in Elkhart, they had two daughters, Sally (Douglas) Christensen Christie and Janice (Thomas) Christensen Paul. In 1954 they returned to Wisconsin, making Appleton their home for more than thirty years until they retired to Lake Havasu City, AZ in 1986. They returned to Wisconsin in 1997, when Donald's health began to fail and they resided in Waupaca.

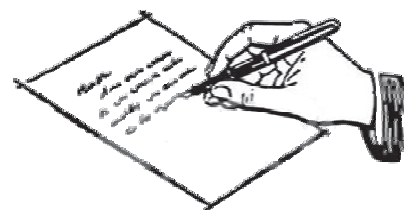
For years Ione spent her spare time at church teaching Sunday school, and studying the Bible. She played the organ, Bridge, and studied oil painting. She was a Girl Scout leader. Ione, while in her early 40's, returned to school to get a nursing degree. She was an excellent seamstress who made wedding gowns and formals. She had a gift of hospitality, opening their home to relatives, friends, and an exchange student. Her cooking blessed all who ate it.

She is survived by daughters, Sally (Douglas) Christensen Christie of Waupaca and Janice (Thomas) Christensen Paul of Salem, OR; grandchildren, Jennifer (Todd Smith) Paul of Salem, OR and Ian Christie of Waupaca; sisters, Violet (Richard) Monte of Wausau and Alice (Arthur) Paltridge of Salem, OR; sisters-in-law, Lorraine (Don) Dehart and Shirley (Jerry) Christensen Stevens of Merrill; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lavila and Daniel Dehart; her husband, Donald Kenneth Christensen; siblings, Betty (Jim) Thomas, Don (Lorraine) Dehart, Danny (Eunice) Dehart, Helen Dehart; brothers-in-law, Francis, Orvil, Jerry, Harry, and Allan Christensen, Richard "Boyd" Monte, Arthur Paltridge and James Thomas; and sisters-in-law: Hilda and Myrtle Christensen, and Eunice (Danny) Dehart.

A memorial service is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, August 4, 2018 at the Maple Crest Funeral Home in Waupaca, with visitation from 4:30 p.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established to train widows in developing nations to sew. Contributions can be made through Maple Crest Funeral Home.

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To the Editor:
Well, I'm going to entitle this one, "Mushrooms in the Sun." Last week you read on the front page of both local papers reports of the suddenly called December 21st Forest County Executive Committee Meeting. As those front page reports stated, the meeting had been called, on short notice, to address two issues. The first issue addressed at the meeting was the intended give away of the Forest County fairgrounds. I intentionally have not become involved in that issue as I think others have stepped up to defend our county fairgrounds.

The other issue on the agenda, was to address "false accusations in the local papers."

Now I'm going to stop, and make a couple of points. I've always felt, and stated, that "If you don't stand up for yourself, no one, is going to stand up for you." As such, when I found out about the very suddenly posted (very short notice) Forest County Executive Committee meeting, I made sure I was present to stand up for myself. Both the Pioneer Express and the Forest Republican had representatives at the meeting. They both also "stood up" for themselves, and then gave a fair report of this meeting on the front pages of their respective papers. I won't rehash the details, but you can watch the whole meeting, which was recorded by "Citizens for Clean Government Forest County Wisconsin," a group having a page on Facebook. The video of the meeting can be viewed there.

I'd also like to give a salute to Cheri Collins and Bill Chaney of the Executive Committee for taking something positive away from the meeting, and reaching out to you with their own letters to the editor in last week's paper. I will also admit to my mistake in thinking that the members of the Executive Committee were appointed. It used to be that way "back in my day," but now I was informed the members of the Executive Committee are elected by their peers on the County Board. I find it interesting that this one mistake of mine took on such significance at the meeting. I did find most members of the Executive Committee at least willing to have a give and take discussion, but please note, I did say most.

I'm glad to see some openness being shown on the issue of repairing or replacing our courthouse. Please become involved, and attend the meetings that have been announced, which will be held at your local school district, (except for Armstrong Creek and if I were from Armstrong Creek, I would demand a meeting at your Town Hall). If you don't stand up, I think that we are looking at a bill of 26 million dollars placed on the tax rolls for an already "done deal," remember, your County Board Representative is there to represent you, but without your input, who are they representing?

And to the lone member of the Executive Committee who spent most of the meeting belittling those there to speak in response, (check it out in the video) whose last comment to me (off record) was "I think we have a poisonous mushroom in our courthouse, and I think we need to kill it," I have this personal opinion advice about mushrooms. Some mushrooms thrive and grow in the light of the sun, and some mushrooms shrivel and die. As for me, I really enjoy the light of the sun. My opinion is, any kind of light shone on any issue makes things so much clearer.

And to echo committee member Bill Chaney's request in his letter to the editor, "please please" attend your local meeting (or any of the 3 meetings currently scheduled) on this issue. I agree something needs to be done to repair our courthouse. I agree that we need to do something with jail security problems, the old jail and Sheriff's quarters. And as I stated in my first letter, I think we need a county-wide EMT (rescue squad) system also. Instead of hiring outsiders to come in with big dollar fixes, let's pull together and get something done.

Jim Odekirk- Cavour

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In a state with so many strengths, the thought behind the bill was to initiate a more generic image which might apply to a broader segment of our population. What I've learned, however, is the specific label, America's Dairyland, means that we take great pride in our work. It means quality is important to us. It means that, just like agriculture and the dairy industry, we embrace technology to improve outcomes. It means we respect what nature gives for our provision. It means we recognize our responsibility to contribute to our nation's economy. It means that, in whatever we do, we seek to be the best. The tagline America's Dairyland is about so much more than agriculture or the dairy industry. It is an illustration of our excellence and a source of pride for all of us.

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Rep. Scott Allen



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Special thanks to everyone who helped us through our time of need. To all of Nancy's friends who visited and brought her comfort in her final days, to our wonderful family who helped us through two very difficult weeks. Thanks to the businesses and individuals of the communities of Wabeno, Lakewood, Townsend, Laona, and Crandon in general for your support over the past five years. We don't want to forget any of the quiet angels who touched Nancy's life. You are all AMAZING, and we cannot express our gratitude enough.

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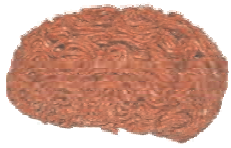


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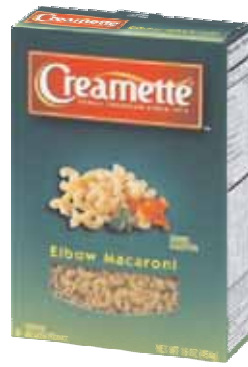
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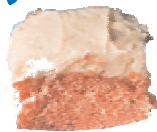
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**Regular Meeting
Laona Board of Education**

Monday, January 8, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Melissa McLaughlin
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. Open Enrollment Seating
 - B. Resignation
 - C. MONLP Football Constitution
 - D. Aide Positions
 - E. Maintenance Position
 - F. School Perception Surveys
 - G. Administrative Negotiations
7. **Informational Items**
 - A. Business Manager's Report
 - B. High School Principal's Report
 - C. Administrator's Report
 - D. 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. Administrative Negotiations
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 School District
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 8 - 12, 2018**

Mon.: Whole grain cereal, apple sauce, fruit juice, milk
Tue.: W.G. pancake, sausage links, pineapple chunks, milk
Wed.: Scrambled eggs, sausage patties, breakfast potato, fruit cup, fruit juice, milk
Thurs.: Breakfast Taco with tomato salsa, pears, fruit juice, milk
Fri.: Blueberry pancakes, sausage links, fresh banana, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School District
Lunch Menu
Jan. 8 - 12, 2018**

Mon.: Taco bar, Spanish rice, Tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
Tue.: Build your own sub, chips, slushi cups, pears, garden bar, milk
Wed.: Cheeseburger, baked beans, carrots, sliced apples, garden bar, milk
Thurs.: Chicken patty, cheesy broccoli, oranges, garden bar, milk
Fri.: Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, sliced baked apples, garden bar, milk

**Request for Bids
Uniform Dwelling Code Inspector
Forest County, WI.**

Forest County is requesting bids for the contracted position of Uniform Dwelling Code Inspector. This contracted position will be for state required inspections of all new, one and two family dwellings in all townships. Bidders for this contractual position shall be certified by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce as specified by Wisconsin Statute, Section 101.654
Bid packages and specifications are available from the office of the County Clerk at 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520 beginning January 2nd, 2018. All bids are due in the office of the clerk on or before 4:30 p.m. January 22nd, 2018. Call for bid packages can be made to 715-478-1387.

**PROPOSAL REQUEST
WASTE CONTRACT
TOWN OF NASHVILLE**

The Town of Nashville is requesting proposals for hauling of waste for a three-year period starting February 1, 2018 through January 31, 2021. The Town has two residential drop site locations. A bid packet can be requested from the Town Clerk at 715-478-2524, via email: townnash@frontier.com, or on the town website: nashtownwi.com.

**International guitarist & songwriter
Hiroya Tsukamoto performs his tranquil soundscapes at Nicolet College Theatre**

Musician Hiroya Tsukamoto brings his soothing, melodic acoustic guitar sound to Nicolet College Theatre audiences for a memorable one-night only performance on Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. His music evokes a sense of peace and tranquility and will transform you to a relaxing getaway in your mind. "I enjoy traveling to different places and like to share stories of where I wrote the songs," says Tsukamoto.

Originally from Kyoto, Japan, Tsukamoto's one-of-a-kind style blends traditional Japanese instrumentals with the energy of Latin and north American folk music. Tsukamoto began his musical career strumming his fingers on a bluegrass banjo; but as a teen he lived with a host family in Mexico as part of an exchange program and was inspired to try a different instrument. "My host brother played these cool Latin rhythms and he taught me how to play the guitar," says Tsukamoto. Tsukamoto has performed on stage around the world and says he appreciates smaller venues because of their effect on his music. "The acoustic guitar is a very intimate instrument so I can amplify the sound depending on what effect I want to convey," says Tsukamoto.

Tsukamoto attended college in Japan and majored in Spanish, but then received a scholarship to attend Boston's Berklee College of Music. During his time there, he formed a group called Interoceanico (inter-oceanic); consisting of musicians from different continents. Tsukamoto also pursued a solo career with his nationwide performances gaining impressive reviews. According to The Boston Herald, "A Japanese guitarist Hiroya Tsukamoto takes us to an impressionistic journey." Tsukamoto released two albums, "Heartland" and "Places" both which feature Tsukamoto's impressive instrumental compositions and wide-ranging vocal work in multiple languages.

Hiroya Tsukamoto will be performing live at the Nicolet Theatre on Friday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Beer and wine will be available at Bytes next to the theatre before the performance. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.



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Lakes Country Public Library - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. • 715-276-9020.
Wabeno Public Library - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-473-4131
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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 p.m.

- **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** - N8934 State 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 p.m. 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.
- **Pickerel Area 50 Plus** will meet at St. John's Church in Pickerel on Thursday, January 11th at noon. Bring a soup, etc. and a friend. Call Bob Veit with any questions. 715-478-5199.
- **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.
- **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** - Closed for the season. See you in the spring. 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.
- **The Senior Snoop Shop** will be having a "special" meeting on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. at Associated Bank.



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Red Arrow would like to congratulate Bob Grobarchik (far right in photo) for teaching the Snowmobile Safety class for 34 years. This was Bob's last year and his service to the club's safety program will surely be missed. Thanks Bob for all the volunteer time you have invested over the years.

If you are looking for a club that has lots of activities and fun, consider joining Red Arrow. We are a year-round Snowmobile/ATV-UTV club nearly 500 Family, Booster, and Single members strong. Our website www.redarrowtownsend.com has a Membership tab on the home page where you can check things out and join online. Trail reports for the Townsend area are easy to access from the home page. We also have a Facebook page with a link on the Website home page.


Upcoming public events include our "Bonfire in the Woods" Saturday January 20th just east of Townsend. The event will feature free hot dogs and hot chocolate and will be right on the snowmobile trail at Locator number #641. Then on Saturday February 17th the 43rd Annual Red Arrow Fish A Ree will be held at the Townsend Town Hall. This all day and early evening fundraiser helps support our efforts to have some of the finest snowmobile and ATV/UTV trails in the state. Please come join us and ride our trails. You won't be disappointed.

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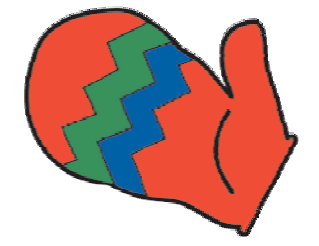
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Clinical Staff Nurse

CLASS: Non-exempt • Dept.: Health & Wellness Center
SUPERVISOR: Nursing Supervisor • GRADE: NE14

To apply contact:

Forest County Potawatomi
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 340
Crandon, WI 54520
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As authorized by federal law, Forest County Potawatomi reserves the right to exercise preference in hiring for qualified Tribal members/Indians in connection with all positions.



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HELP WANTED

Medical Biller

Location: SCC Health Clinic

This position reports to the Business Office Manager and is responsible for supervising the day to- day functions of the billing practice of the revenue cycle. Also, responsible for implementing policies, procedures and systems for quality assurance as directed by Medicare, Medicaid and Private insurance as well as in training and educating new and existing employees on the credentialing and expectations for billing purposes.

Qualifications -

- A minimum of 2 years of health care billing experience
- Strong ethics and a high level of personal and professional integrity.
- An effective communicator with strong verbal, written and persuasive skills and capability to deal with people at all levels internal and external to organization.
- Knowledgeable of federal and state laws and requirements relating to healthcare management and HIPAA.
- Computer literate and very proficient in using MS office programs.
- Passionate about customer service, with strong problem solving skills focused on identifying and putting in place solutions for customers and agency professionally
- Exceptional communication and organizational skills with a high level of attention to detail
- Proven track record of working towards and exceeding metrics strongly preferred
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience or Ability to learn the SCC CLINIC EHR system and perform coding related duties within the program.

Submit completed applications/resumes to:

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3051 Sand Lake Road

Crandon WI 54520 • Phone:(715) 478-7663

Email: donna.vodar@scc-nsn.gov



HELP WANTED

RHIT Medical Coder

Location: SCC Health Clinic
Supervisor: Clinic Director

The Sokaogon Chippewa Community Health Clinic is looking for a RHIT Medical Coder.

Position Summary- A RHIT Professional Coder is responsible for accurately coding all physician progress notes before moving into the Billing Department. Medical codes are used to identify diagnoses and procedures provided during an office visit. The medical coder primarily uses these codes for billing and reimbursement of insurance. Therefore, a medical coder is expected to possess a thorough knowledge of the data contained in health records in order to find the necessary information for coding purposes.

Qualifications -

- CPC credentialing.
- Knowledge and experience with CPT and ICD-9/ICD-10 coding.
- Knowledge and experience with Evaluation and Management Coding.
- Knowledge of HCPCS codes.
- Completed Medical Terminology course.
- Completed Anatomy and Physiology course.
- Knowledge or training with key boarding and word processing.
- Ability to learn claims filing procedures.
- Maintain patient confidentiality in accordance with the Federal Privacy Act.
- Ability to work independently.
- Experience or Ability to learn the SCC CLINIC EHR system and perform coding related duties within the program.
- Must attend trainings to maintain their certification to accrue their CEU's and to keep abreast of the upcoming ICD-10 implementation.

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HELP WANTED Clinic Health Director

Full Time - Pay commensurate with education and experience

Position Summary: This position reports to the SCC Tribal Council and SCC Health Board and is responsible for administering and supervising all aspects of the daily operations and management of the SCC Health Clinic.

Qualifications:

- A minimum of BA/BS with at least three (3) years management and supervisory experience in Health Care, Business, Public Health or Social Services.
- Strong ethics and a high level of personal and professional integrity.
- An effective communicator with strong verbal, written and persuasive skills and capability to deal with people at all levels internal and external to organization.
- Three (3) years experience in policy analysis, development, and implementation.
- Knowledgeable of federal and state laws and requirements relating to healthcare management and HIPAA.
- Computer expertise, experience with electronic health records and role in contemporary health service delivery, and proficient in using MS office programs.
- Passionate about customer service, with strong problem solving skills focused on identifying and putting in place solutions for customers and agency professionally.
- Exceptional communication and organizational skills with a high level of attention to detail
- Self-starter, results driven, highly motivated, high energy with even disposition
- Proven track record of working towards and exceeding metrics strongly preferred
- Able to demonstrate proficiency in grant and program administration in line with federal regulations and understanding of regulations.
- Ability to work varied hours or weekends when necessary to accomplish supervisory role and goals of the health services for SCC.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA

HELP WANTED

District Administrative Secretary

The School District of Wabeno Area has a district administrative secretary position available. This position will be 40 hours per week with hours Monday through Friday. This is a 12 month position. Individual must have a high school diploma or equivalent and an excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel programs as well as Google Docs and Google Sheets.

Applications and complete job description can be picked up at the district office, located at the Wabeno Elementary School, or on the school's website at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us on the District Home Page under "Employment Opportunities." Interested persons must submit an application and three current letters of reference with contact information, either in person or by mail, no later than 3:00 P.M. on Monday, January 22, 2018 to the District Office: Jennifer Vogler, District Administrator, PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566.

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

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Senior Chatter

Medicare Provides Annual Doctor Visits, but Not Regular Physicals

Submitted by Kathy O'Melia

Did you know that Medicare pays for a "Welcome to Medicare Visit" and an "Annual Wellness Visit?" It is important to recognize that neither of these visits are physical exams.

The Welcome to Medicare Visit is a one-time preventative visit. The visit must happen within one year of Medicare Part B enrollment. The goals of the visit are health promotion, disease prevention, and detection. This Welcome to Medicare Visit includes a review of your medical and social history related to your health, as well as education and counseling about preventive services. Your doctor will obtain your height, weight, body mass index, blood pressure, and conduct a vision test. The Welcome to Medicare Visit allows you to talk to your doctor about important screenings and vaccines you may need.

In addition to the Welcome to Medicare Visit, Medicare covers an Annual Wellness Visit. The Annual Wellness Visit is similar to the one-time Welcome to Medicare Visit. The Annual Wellness Visit focuses on your plan for preventive care in the upcoming year. The first Annual Wellness Visit provides a Health Risk Assessment, which will be updated in future years. If you didn't receive a Welcome to Medicare Visit, you can still have an Annual Wellness Visit.

Medicare will only cover the Annual Wellness Visit once every 12 months. Your Annual Wellness Visit should also not be scheduled within 12 months of your Welcome to Medicare Visit.

When you schedule these appointments, you must state that you are scheduling the Welcome to Medicare Visit or Annual Wellness Visit. If you do not specify this, you will likely receive a regular physical exam. Medicare will never cover a routine physical exam.

What do these services cost?

You do not pay anything for the Welcome to Medicare Visit or the Annual Wellness Visit, if your doctor accepts Medicare assignment.

If your doctor performs additional tests or services during either visit, for example blood tests or lab work, the standard the Medicare Part B coinsurance (80/20%) and deductible will apply.

Note: People who are enrolled in Medicare Savings Account (MSA) plans pay 100% of the Medicare re-approved amount for their health costs (including preventive services) until their deductible is met.

Bus Schedule

Tuesday - January 16 - Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander by 9 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No lunch. Depart Rhinelander at 11:45 a.m. - **Bus driver:** Dan Pedersen

Wednesday - January 17 - Armstrong Creek, Cavour, Newald, Popple River, Laona and Crandon to Iron Mountain - **Bus driver:** Fred Draves IV

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254
Fred Draves IV: 262-633-8968

TOPIC OF THE MONTH
"Staying Well"
MEAL SCHEDULE

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - January 8 - Bean soup with bacon, salad bar with egg, raisins, corn muffin, molasses cookie

Monday - January 15 - Pork chop, roasted potato, cauliflower, dinner roll, cran-apple crisp

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - January 9 - Chicken Diane, roasted potato, asparagus, fruit, Italian bread, marble cake - **BINGO: Armstrong Creek**

Tuesday - January 16 - Beef chili with beans, salad bar with cheese, raisins, wheat bread, chocolate pie - **MUSIC: Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON

Wednesday - January 10 - Beef tips with onions and mushrooms, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, rice pudding with raisins

Wednesday - January 17 - Chicken veronique, scalloped potato, broccoli, dinner roll, peach cobbler - **BINGO**

LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - January 11 - Baked cod with sauce, baked potato with sour cream, broccoli, bread stick, raspberry lemon bar

Thursday - January 18 - Beef stew with potatoes, celery, onions and carrots, fruit, biscuit, oatmeal raisin bar

ALVIN

Thursday - January 11 - Lasagna, salad, pears, garlic bread, cookies

Thursday - January 18 - Scalloped potatoes and ham, cabbage, applesauce, dinner rolls, bars

*** 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.

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

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

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwan at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

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For Old Time's Sake



John Tyler's logging camp, near Hiles, drew a photographer from Tigerton. Parfitt traveled northern Wisconsin for years recording life in what could be called a frontier.

John Tyler has been gone for a long time, but he did give us a good tavern owner. Duck Tyler, John's son, is still missed by many. The little girl on the stump is John's daughter, Blanche, who was married to Harry Hansen. They owned the gas station on the southwest corner of Argonne for many years.

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student from Crandon, Goodman/Armstrong Creek, Laona and Wabeno who have been involved in the arts in high school and plan on pursuing a college degree in education, art, music, dance, or theater Scholarships are now being awarded to current high school students to attend summer camps. Since 1997 the scholarship has awarded over \$9,000 to 26 area students. It's the only scholarship of it's kind for the youth in our area. Wabeno Area Players is the only community focused arts organization in our area as well. Both entities rely on the generous support of the community we live in.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Madison Champine for completing the fall semester with a 3.85 GPA, earning a place on the College of Science and Engineering Dean's List at Winona State University! Keep up the good work!

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Birth Announcement



Sharon Wagoner of Crandon is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Liam Marvin Wagoner, on December 22, 2017 at 3:42 p.m. He weighs 8 lbs., 15.6 oz. and 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Shelley Knight of Antigo and Jimmy Wagoner, Jr. of Crandon.



Owner Bruce Walentowski receives recognition for his 30 years in business and of service to the communities.



Bruce and Linda (store manager) ready for the evening in costume.



The murder victim (Linda Zueleger, Actor)

Crandon Library to host Meet and Greet to welcome Costa Rica group



Join us on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m. as we welcome a group of foreign exchange students visiting Crandon from Guápiles, Costa Rica. The group is spending the first few weeks of January in Crandon and are attending the School District of Crandon with Crandon High School Spanish students.

During the Meet and Greet program the group of student will provide a presentation about their home country and culture. There is no registration required for this program and refreshments will be provided.

Please contact the library at 715-478-3784 with any questions about the program.