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Hiles Fire Dept. Annual Fisheree this Saturday at Hiles Town Hall

The Hiles Fire Department will be holding their Annual Fisheree this Saturday, February 2nd at the Hiles Town Hall. There are prizes for the heaviest walleye, northern, bass, bluegill, crappie and perch. Registration ends at 5 p.m. The drawing will be held at 5:30.

Be ready for plenty of good food, raffles, and plenty of drawings.

Todd Brass Benefit February 2nd at Tattle Tales Sports Bar in Elcho

Todd Brass was severely injured in a car accident on January 5, 2019. Todd has had multiple surgeries and still has a long road to recovery ahead of him. A benefit to help offset the medical bills will take place at Tattle Tales Sports Bar in Elcho this Saturday. There will be live music, raffles, bake sale, 50/50 raffle, dart tournament, pool tournament, silent auction and bag tournament. The benefit starts at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to donate, but can not make the benefit, a fund has been set up at CoVantage Credit Union and Laona State Bank under the name Team Toddy B.

Conservation Corner

Request for Information on Established Businesses

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land Conservation-Land Information Department. For more information, contact Al Murray, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director, at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

I apologize to the readers that expect this article to be focused on conservation, however the Land Conservation-Land Information office has duties that are outside of purely conservation. This article is related to updating County land information in preparation for updating of the comprehensive plan, of which the formal process will be completed in late 2020 to early 2021.

The Land Conservation-Land Information Department has been designated by the County LCC-LI/GIS and the Intergovernmental Relations Committees as the lead department to review and update the County Comprehensive Plan. The department has determined that collecting of critical data for various communities is the first step in updating the comprehensive plan. A lot of data already exists and the department is in process of compiling data from many available sources. Some important items that are lacking includes local data on existing businesses and existing.

Individuals or businesses looking for future development locations depend upon data to determine what sites they will consider. What businesses currently exist, possible competition for markets, complimentary types of business, and current land uses are very important to locational decisions. An example of complimentary business types could include raw material suppliers, trucking companies and repair shops that would be a critical need for secondary manufacturers. Complimentary land uses and services could also trail clubs, recreational use sites, and location of trails.

At this point the department is in process of developing a business directory of all businesses and groups that have established business locations within the boundaries of Forest County. When completed this data will be utilized to generate a relational map of business locations. The business directory and maps will be part of community and county-wide business profiles that will be utilized in the Comprehensive plan to market Forest County and individual communities to businesses based upon available resources and available sites.

The department has developed a business questionnaire to collect information from existing businesses. The questionnaire will ask questions including name and address of business, owner contact information, contact preference, types of products and services provided, product and service capacity, owner determined business classification and identification of potential complimentary businesses.

The goals of this effort is to collect data of each and every business within Forest County. This should include businesses as small as owner operated businesses including local sale of vegetables, maple syrup and small farms to those larger businesses that have multimillion dollar production facilities. All sizes of business are important to the economy of Forest County and need to be included in our future business profile. Businesses and capacity that exist but may be not currently operational should also be included, the questionnaire will have a place to identify capacity that is not currently utilized.

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Sugar Bush Sno-Mo-Wheelers Poker Run



The Sugar Bush Sno-Mo-Wheelers are holding their big Poker Run on Saturday, February 2nd, headquartered at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort.

This is an event that can be participated in with a snowmobile, car or a truck. Snowmobile suits and helmets aren't necessarily required.

There will be tons of raffles, and you can win meat, booze and a host of other prizes.

Roger Mattern Memorial Scholarship for Laona and Wabeno Schools

A memorial scholarship has been set up at the Wabeno and Laona schools in Roger Mattern's name. We have applied all of the donations that were given for Roger's Celebration of Life plus some other funds, to a scholarship in Roger's name. Roger was very interested in our schools and all the students in our area who attend them.

We tried to think of a remembrance that Roger would have liked and came up with this. The scholarship will be for those students who wish to enter a career in Conservation, Natural Resources, or Forestry, like the one Roger had with the U.S. Forest Service on the Laona Ranger District.

Trump Lake Fish-O-Ree Saturday February 9th Wabeno

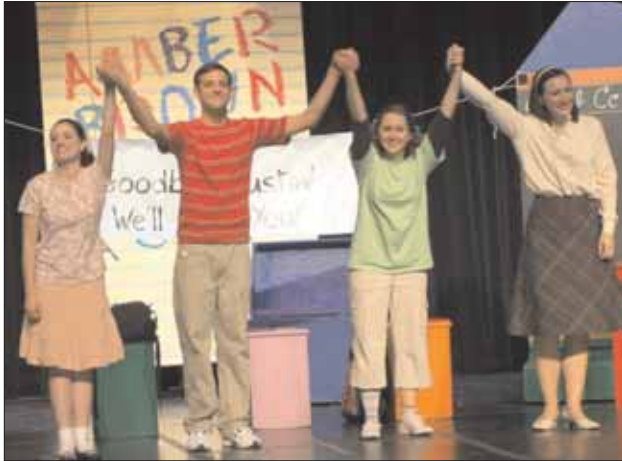


The 57th Annual Fish-O-Ree, sponsored by the Wabeno Sylvan Post #44 and the Wabeno Lions, will be on Saturday, February 9th, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The event is in the Trump Lake Pavilion. Of course, there will be prizes for the biggest fish and plenty of raffles.

So bring the family for a good time, and help these two organizations do nice things for the community.

Children's musical "Amber Brown is Not a Crayon" Feb. 2 at Nicolet College



Spunky Amber Brown is having what's possibly the worst year of her young life. Her parents recently divorced and now she just learned her best friend in the world is moving to another state. Her life is changing - and she doesn't like it.

These life challenges and the lessons learned along the way will play out on the Nicolet College Theatre stage when ArtsPower National Touring Theater presents Amber Brown is Not a Crayon at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 2. The funny and forthright children's musical is suited for those in grades one through four as well as the adults who have kids this age in their lives.

Tickets are \$6 for children, \$8 for the general public and can be ordered online at nicoletlive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.

The production is part of the college's Nicolet Live! performing arts series, which has included live theatrical performances for children since the series' earliest days more than 20 years ago.

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Forest County announces Soil and Water Conservation Poster Contest winners



1st place winner in the 7-9 category submitted by artist Kara Lane

The Forest County Land Conservation office and Division of Extension is excited to announce the results of their annual conservation poster contest which followed the National Association of Conservation District's theme "Life in the Soil : Dig Deeper".

Posters were judged on use of color, attention to detail, an easy-to-understand conservation message, originality, and creativity. Forest County winners will now advance to the Land & Water Area competition and have the chance to advance to state and national competitions.

In the grades 7-9 category, the first-place winner is Kara Lane and second place winner is Emma Smith. In the grades 2-3 category, the first-place winner is Mary Ehlinger and second place winner is Logan Scifres. All four youth are students at the Laona school district. First place winners will receive \$20 in Forest County chamber-bucks courtesy of the Forest County Land Conservation-Land Information Committee and a \$10 gift card to Subway. Second place winners will also receive a \$10 gift card to Subway. The Subway gift cards were made available by Jeff Kau owner of Crandon Subway to provide community support to the project.

In addition, Laona elementary teachers Stacy Matuszewski and Rachel Keepers will each receive \$20 in Forest county Chamber Bucks and a \$20 Amazon Gift card for their classroom from the University of Madison, Division for Extension, for their willingness to complete the Conservation poster contest as a classroom assignment using the Wisconsin DPI education standards that the poster contest fulfills.

The Youth winners, as well as their teachers, have been invited to attend the February meeting of the Forest County Board on Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00 p.m. to receive their awards.

Goodman - Armstrong Creek Community Economic Development Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, February 6

The Goodman - Armstrong Creek Community and Economic Development Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Armstrong Creek Community Center. The committee wants the public to attend. The meeting will focus solely on discussing and setting the developmental priorities of the community from the perspective of the public. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Large Drug Bust in Forest County

On Thursday January 24, 2019 at approximately 7:39 PM the Forest County Drug Task Force performed a traffic stop on a vehicle in the City of Crandon for a motor vehicle violation. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Brandon Phalen 20 years old of Laona, the front seat passenger was identified as Keshia Morris 26 years old from Crandon and the rear seat passenger was identified as Marilyn George 65 years old from Crandon, WI.

As detectives were making contact with the occupants Keshia Morris was observed attempting to conceal drug paraphernalia under her person. All of the occupants were removed from the vehicle. A vehicle search was performed and Detectives located several items of drug paraphernalia where Keshia had been seated.

Brandon Phalen was taken into custody for Operating after Revocation, Felony Bail Jumping and 3 counts of Misdemeanor Bail Jumping. Keshia Morris was taken into custody for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Misdemeanor Bail Jumping. Marilyn George was released from the traffic stop with no charges.

While in the booking area of the Forest County Jail Correctional Officers located a clear plastic zip-lock bag concealed on Keshia Morris's person.

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If you own or operate a business of any size within Forest County, please complete a business questionnaire to be included in our future business profile. Your data will be critical for promotion of the Forest economy in the future. The questionnaire is available at the following link: <http://www.co.forest.wi.gov/section.asp?linkid=2494&lo cid=145> then click on business questionnaire.

Please feel free to contact our office at 715-478-3893. If your business is already part of the data available, you may receive a call from us to get additional information about your company. If you questions regarding the business questionnaire or the update of the Comprehensive plan, please feel free to e-mail me directly at lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

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TOPIC OF THE MONTH

"Staying Well"

MEAL SCHEDULE

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Feb. 4 - Pork roast, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, dinner roll, fruit sorbet

Monday - Feb. 11 - Chicken ala king, brown rice, sweet & sour cabbage, dinner roll, fruit sorbet

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - Feb. 5 - Chicken veronique, scalloped potato, green beans, wheat bread, peach cobbler

Tuesday - Feb. 12 - Beef chili with beans, tossed salad with cheese, raisins, sourdough bread, chocolate pie - **BINGO: Armstrong Creek**

CRANDON

Wednesday - Feb. 6 - Beef tips with onions and mushrooms, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, applesauce

Wednesday - Feb. 13 - Pork boiled dinner with potatoes, carrots, rutabaga and cabbage, corn muffin, apple crisp
LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - Feb. 7 - Beef tips with onions and mushrooms, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, applesauce

Thursday - Feb. 14 - Pork boiled dinner with potato, carrots, rutabaga and cabbage, corn muffin, apple crisp
ALVIN

Thursday - Feb. 7 - Meatloaf, coleslaw, carrots, baked beans, whole grain bread, baked potato, margarine bars

Thursday - Feb. 14 - Breakfast for dinner, porkies, applesauce, tomato juice, cuties, margarine bars
The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is no longer in service. The only number for the ADRC is the 800-699-6704.

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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 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.

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.

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This bag contained 4 more clear plastic gem bags with a white in color powder substance and 2 bindles of folded up aluminum foil also containing a white in color powder substance. The white powder substance tested positive for Fentanyl.

Keshia Morris was then arrested for Felony Possession with intent to Deliver Fentanyl. Brandon Phalen and Keshia Morris have been booked into the Forest County Jail.

On Friday January 25, 2019 at approximately 12:13 AM The Forest County Sheriff's Office and The Crandon Police Department executed a search warrant at 409 North Crandon Avenue in the City of Crandon at the Lana Rodriguez and Dylan Laux residence. Upon Officers entering the residence Lana Rodriguez 32 years old ran into the bathroom and began dumping several bags of narcotics into the toilet along with a digital scale.

In a basement bedroom of the residence Officers located Dylan Laux 25 years old, Alyssa Daniels 23 years old, Jordan Phalen 24 years old and Michelle Bartlein 45 years old all of Crandon. Also located in the residence were 3 minor children.

A search of the residence was performed and several gem bags containing Crack Cocaine was located in the residence along with Prescription Pills, Marijuana, several digital scales, packaging materials, a ledger, a large amount of drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash.

Lana Rodriguez, Dylan Laux, Alyssa Daniels, Jordan Phalen and Michelle Bartlein have all been arrested and booked into the Forest County Jail on charges of Felony Keeping of a Drug House, Felony Possession with intent to Deliver Cocaine, Felony Bail Jumping, Misdemeanor Bail Jumping, Possession of THC, Felony Possession of Schedule II Prescription Pills, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Child Neglect.

Forest County Department of Health and Social Services responded to the scene and placed the children into protective custody. The Crandon Area Rescue Squad also assisted at the scene with checking over and decontaminating an Officer for possible exposure to narcotics.

All 7 subjects that were arrested were given the following bonds by Judge Stenz:

Lana Rodriguez \$20,000 cash bond, Dylan Laux \$20,000 cash bond, Jordan Phalen \$10,000 cash bond, Alyssa Daniels \$10,000 cash bond, Michelle Bartlein \$10,000 cash bond, Keshia Morris \$10,000 cash bond and Brandon Phalen \$1,500 cash bond.

This is an ongoing investigation and more arrests may be forth coming.



Senior Chatter

Bus Schedule

Tuesday - February 5 - Carter, Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus driver:** Dan Pedersen

Thursday - February 7 - Hiles, Argonne and Crandon to Rhinelander - **Bus driver:** Gary Schrimpf

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

Dan Pedersen: 715-478-4254

Gary Schrimpf: 920-946-4014

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Feb. 10 - Stewardship of God's Truth (1 Cor. 4:1-5)
Feb 17 - The Last Supper (Mark 14:17-26)

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Bids & Notices

School District of Laona Referendum Informational Meetings

The School District of Laona will be proposing a nonrecurring referendum at the Spring 2019 election. The current referendum is set to expire at the end of this school year. Administration from the district will be hosting informational meetings at various locations throughout the community. If you have questions in regards to the referendum, attend one of the following meetings:

- February 13, 2019 - Newald Town Hall - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- February 27, 2019 - Caswell Town Hall - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- March 6, 2019 - Laona School District (Community Room) - 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Further referendum information will be published in the Pioneer Express. There is also a link on the school district's website to access referendum information and ask questions.



School District of Crandon Child Screening

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**Crandon Elementary School
Room #13**

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

2019-2020 Open Enrollment Application Period School District of Laona

The School District of Laona will be accepting applications for Public School Open Enrollment. The applications will be accepted between the dates of February 4, 2019 and April 30, 2019 until 4:00 pm. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason. Parents may apply on-line at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>.

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. More information may be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction-Public School Open Enrollment Program by calling 1-888-245-2732 or you may visit their web site at <https://dpi.wi.gov/oe>. You may also contact the School District of Laona @ 5216 Forest Avenue, Suite A, Laona WI 54541. Phone: 715-674-2143, extension 1.

Please note: If your child is already attending the School District of Laona through Open Enrollment, you do not have to reapply.

PUBLIC SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

The School District of Wabeno Area will be accepting Open Enrollment applications for the 2019-2020 school year from February 5 to April 30, 2019. Applications must be received in the district office no later than 4:00 P.M., April 30, 2019. Parents may also fill out and submit the application on-line. The on-line application will be available from midnight February 5 until 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2019. You may submit an on-line application at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe>

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program, often referred to as "school choice" allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Parents must apply to the nonresident school district they would like to have their child/children attend.

This program is open to Wisconsin residents who have students in grades Kindergarten to 12. There are no tuition costs to parents for their children's participation in Open Enrollment. However, in most cases, parents are responsible for transporting their children to and from the nonresident school.

Additional information may be obtained from the School District Office.

Attention Snoop Shop consignees

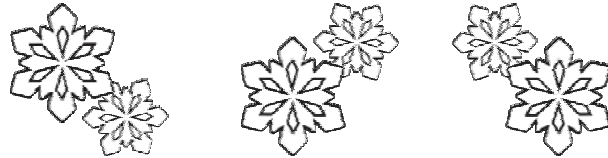
The Snoop Shop will be opening its doors for the 2019 season in just 4 months. So, now's the time for consignees to start some serious crafting of their specialty items. Over the past several years consignees have provided items that have made for a lovely shop with a great variety of products. Plus, prices have been more than reasonable according to comments made by customers.

All crafters aged 50 and over that live in or own property in Forest County or the immediately adjacent counties are invited to participate as consignees. The first business meeting of the upcoming season will be Thursday, May 9th, at Associated Bank's conference room at 9:00 a.m. All current consignees and any interested parties are encouraged to attend. Check-in days will be Wednesday, May 15th and Thursday, May 16th from 10:00 a.m. 'til 2:00 p.m. with opening day being Friday, May 24th.

For questions and other information, you can contact any of the officers. President: Marge Scardino (715-478-1164); Vice-President: Pat Schultz (920-362-1542), Treasurer: Kathy Gibbs (715-478-0403) or Secretary: Ann Koziol (715-478-2785).

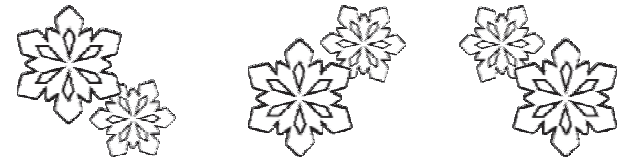
COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- **Overeaters Anonymous meeting** - Thursday at 4:15-5:15 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 Membership Meeting** - 3rd Monday of month. Social hour 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. & meeting at 7 p.m. Meetings in October, November and December will be held at Ducks 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.
- **Forest County Agricultural Society Inc.** will hold a meeting on Saturday, September 29 at Lafetta's at 7 p.m.
- **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.
- **Tops** - will meet at Wabeno Town Hall on Mondays. Weigh in at 7:45 a.m. with meeting following at 8:00 a.m. For more info call 715-473-2613.
- **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. Second Wednesday of the Month.
- **Town of Nashville Board Meetings**- 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., North Town Hall (alternating months, North and South Halls locations).
- **Nashville Town Hall Craft & Flea Market**, located at Hwy 55 and B, south of Crandon, will be closed until spring 2019 after Wednesday, Dec. 12.



AREA CHURCH SERVICES

- **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. Advent Services at 5:30 Wednesday evenings. After School Program is Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. Located at the corner of 55 and Cty. A in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.
- **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 10 a.m.; Youth Bible School (grades pre k - 8) on Wednesday at 3:30 - 5 p.m. 715-478-5620.
- **Christ Lutheran (WELS)** located at 9139 S Main St in Hiles. Worship on Saturdays at 5pm. NorthwoodsLutheran.org
- **Praise Chapel** - 200 East Sixth St., Crandon, Sunday Service - 10 a.m., Wed. kid's Club - 3:15 p.m., Bible Study Wed. - 6:30 p.m.
- **St. Joseph's Catholic Church** - 208 N. Park Ave., Crandon, Saturday Service 5 p.m. Sunday Service 9 a.m. 715-478-3396.
- **St. Luke's United Methodist Church** - 301 South Lake Ave., Crandon, Sunday Service 8:45 a.m. 715-478-3797.
- **Argonne United Methodist Church** - 7945 Pine St., Argonne, Sunday Service 10:15 a.m. 715-478-3797.
- **Gospel Mission Fellowship** - 1901 Hwy 8 E. in Monico, WI. Sundays 10:30 a.m. - come join us in worship, prayer and a time in God's word. www.gospelmissionfellowshippcg.org
- **Upper Room Church**-18805 State Highway 32, Townsend, prayer 9:30 Sunday worship 10 am Sunday, Bible Study 10 am Tues. Pastor Jim 715-850-0733
- **St. John Lutheran Church (LCMS)**, 17963 Hwy 32, Townsend, worship at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday, with Sunday School at 10 a.m. Call 715-276-7214 for more information.



Public Library Hours

- **Lakes Country Public Library** - Lakewood - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. • 715-276-9020.
- **Wabeno Public Library** - Tues & Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Wed. & Thurs. Noon - 5; Sat. 9 - Noon. Closed MONDAYS & SUNDAYS. Wifi signal: 8 a.m.-9 p.m., 7 days/week. 715-473-4131
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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** - Labor Day through color season, open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

AREA AA MEETINGS

- **AA Meetings** - Back Door Group - Open meeting Thursday 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.
- **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 info at 715-889-4902.
- **Breaking the Cycle Narcotics Anonymous** - Open meeting. Thursday at 6 p.m. 104 W. Washington St., Crandon. Contact Lindsey at 715-616-9540 or Sierra at 808-295-2174.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 6, 2019

High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School
6:30 PM
AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - II. Roll Call Verification of Quorum
 - III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2)))
 - IV. Pledge of Allegiance
 - V. Agenda Revisions
 - VI. Agenda Approval
 - VII. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3
 - a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person)
 - b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community.
 - c. Public Participation
 - VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on January 2, 2019,
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the Impact Aid Meeting on January 2, 2019,
 - c. Approval of the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting January 9, 2019.
 - IX. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll
 - X. Informational Items
 - a. Jackie Nielson, Kerber-Rose SC Audit Report
 - b. Jeff Walsh Interim District Administrator will present updates and information.
 - c. Bill Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal will present updates and information.
 - d. Tim Brauer, Interim Elementary Principal will present updates and information.
 - e. Bob Tucker, Director of Special Education will present updates and information.
 - f. Board Member Reports.
 - g. May Board Meeting Date Change
 - h. March and April Board Meetings Time Change
 - XI. Action Items
 - a. Discuss and take action on the 2019-2020 School Calendar
 - b. Discuss and take action on Junior High Boys Basketball Coaches
 - c. Review Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report regarding progress made on growth objectives.
 - XII. Motion and roll call vote to go into closed session. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(e), the Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:
 - b. Discussion and potential action on procedural status update on employee complaint.
 - c. Discussion of Elementary and High School Teacher Evaluations
 - d. Discussion and potential action on employee vacation time.
 - e. Substitute discussion
 - f. Discussion and take action on new scoreboard.
 - XIII. Motion and roll call vote to return open session to announce or take action, if any and if appropriate.
 - XIV. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.
 - XV. Adjourn
- NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.**
 Approved for Publication/Posting by: Superintendent of Schools Upon reasonable notice, the District shall make reasonable accommodation to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities through appropriate aids and services including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 715-473-2592 Sent to: Board of Education Administrative Team Pioneer and Lake/Forest Beacon Newspapers
 The agenda as noted above was sent more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on District Website: <https://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/#>

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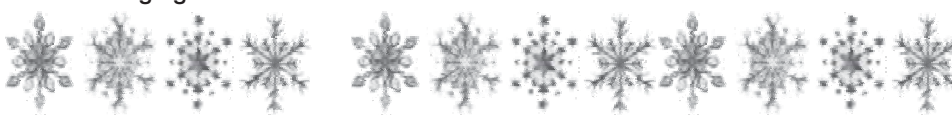
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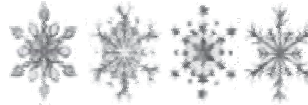


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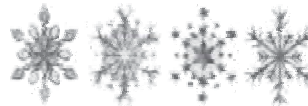
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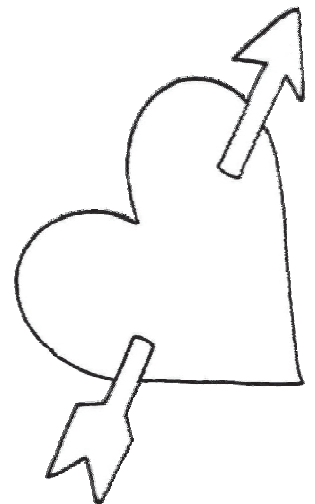
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 Sandy Howerton

A Big THANK YOU!

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and packages before, during and after my liver transplant. My recovery is going very well. Thank you all for thinking of me!
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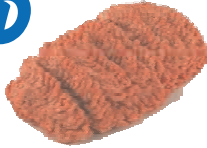
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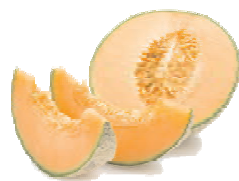
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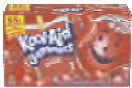
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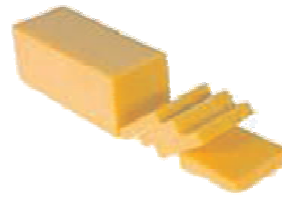
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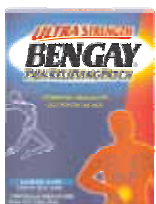
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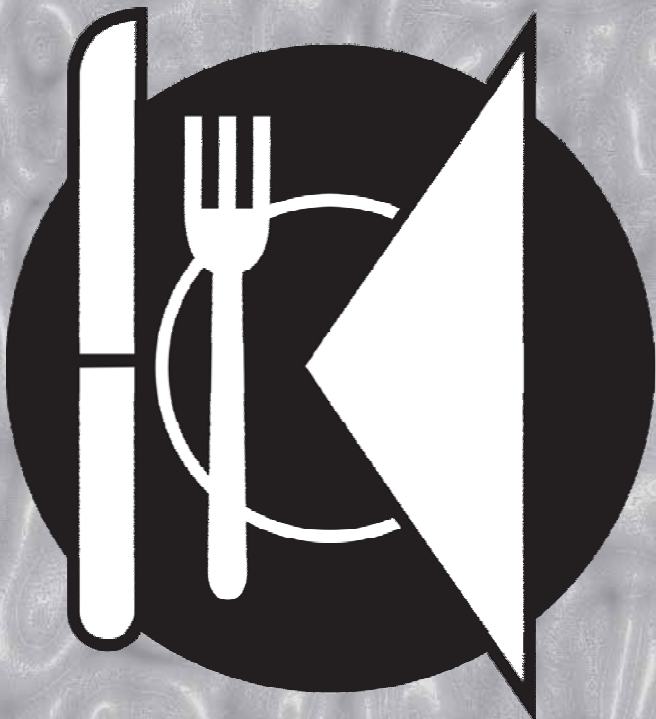
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Death Notices

Patrick J. Hutchinson, 65, of Rhinelander, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday, January 21, 2019. Pat was born in Winnebago County on January 4, 1954 to John L. and Katherine M. (Veith) Hutchinson.



Pat attended school in Oshkosh and was a 1972 graduate of Oshkosh High School. He received an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts from Fox Valley Technical College. Pat was employed in Oshkosh by Robbins Supper Club.

While working at the supper club Pat began attending college at U. W. Oshkosh where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He then attended U.W. Madison where he received his Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. Pat was employed for twenty years with Outagamie County working in Law Enforcement.

After many years Pat decided that it was time to return to his roots of Culinary Arts. In 2004, he and his life partner, Susan, moved to Rhinelander where Pat was employed at the Rhinelander Café & Pub as a chef. He last worked the week before Christmas.

Pat loved astronomy, animals, especially cats and dogs, was a huge Green Bay Packer fan, and enjoyed trips to Florida.

He will be dearly missed by his life partner, Susan Lucente; one sister, Kathleen (George) Henkel of Crandon; and John Hutchinson of Neenah. Also surviving are other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The visitation for Pat will take place on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Hildebrand Funeral Home from 3 p.m. until the 5 p.m. Celebration of Life. In memory of Pat, memorial contributions may be given to the Rhinelander Humane Society, 1852 N Stevens Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501, 715-365-4343. You are invited to light a candle, sign the guestbook, leave a photo or an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com.

Katherine (Kate) Kuss Geiter passed away peacefully on January 29, 2019 at her home in Wabeno after a brief illness. She was born March 10, 1924 to Antonia and Martin Kuss in Lakewood.



Kate graduated from Wabeno High School in 1943 and after graduation, worked at the Lakewood Mercantile Co. in Lakewood. In 1947, she married Robert Geiter. They moved to Wabeno and assisted with the operation of the family business. Bob and Kate shared 51 years together until his death in 1999. Kate was a woman of strong faith and a member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wabeno. She was a wonderful example of a person who lived her faith and looked for the good in others.

She will be missed by her son, Russ (Linda) Geiter; daughter Kay (Al) Morrison; grandchildren, Bob (Shantel Seidl) Geiter, Kimberly Geiter, Katie (Jesse) Ray, Jenny (Matt) Carson, Sedona Geiter and Mesa Geiter; great-grandchildren, Liz, Cadence, Ruby and Xavier; sister in law, Betty Lou Fontaine; and many nieces and nephews.

We were fortunate to be able to spend quality time with Mom/Grandma during her last few weeks and share stories with her. One remembrance that came up often is when she would slip grandchildren money and would tell them, "Just don't spend it on beer or cigarettes." (Not sure they all listened though).

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband, Bob; granddaughter, Arizona (Arin) Geiter; three brothers; and three sisters.

As per Kate's wishes, there will be a graveside service in the spring.

James E. Greely Sr., 80, of Crandon, formerly of Kimberly, passed away on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Jim was born in Navarrino on May 25, 1938, son of the late Merle and Laura (Riehl) Greely.



Jim served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years a Boilerman Third Class Petty Officer. Jim was united in marriage to Margaret Friebel on November 29, 1958 at Holy Name Parish in Kimberly and spent 60 wonderful years together. Jim enjoyed all four seasons in the outdoors, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, but his passion was woodworking in the work shop. Jim worked at the paper mill in Kimberly for 47 years until his retirement in 2001. Jim lived life to the fullest, welcomed everyone with open arms, always gave a helping hand when needed, and loved life and family.

Jim is survived and will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Margaret; son, James Jr. (Bonnie), Steven (Rachel), Cindy, Scott, Vicki and Melissa (Mark); siblings, Geraldine (Ken), Willard "Buck," Sandy and Sue (Jim); 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Junior and Ken; sister, Judy; sisters-in-law, Marilyn and Terri; and brothers-in-law, Lyle and George.

Celebration of Life for Jim will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon, with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to time of service.

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

Letters to the Editor

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Open letter to Senator Tiffany

The following letter was sent by Dick Krawze to Senator Tom Tiffany of behalf of those who enjoy the outdoors and hunting and fishing in Wisconsin.

TO: SENATOR TIFFANY

It is my understanding that a number of Conservation Organizations including the Wisconsin Trappers Association, the Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited and others have written the Governor and Legislators requesting a license fee increase that would add almost \$5,000,000.00 (five million) dollars to the cost of Sportsmen and Women who purchase Hunting & Fishing Licenses. It is my understanding that this additional fee increase if passed is for additional D.N.R. Personnel for the most part. I ask why? The D.N.R. already has nearly 2500 Employees which equates to approximately 35 per County. Is this a case of "Wants" or "Needs"? I do believe that there is a "Need" especially in the Warden Recruitment Area.

However the D.N.R. currently operates on a budget of over 500 Million Annually, it is my feeling that in a budget of that size there is waste, find out where and correct it. Sportsmen and Women do not want and some cannot afford any fee increase.

Also it is my belief that the Leadership in these Groups is not representing the true feelings of their Membership. Before these Groups support these fee increases they should poll their Membership. In any case I am asking you to oppose these fee increases.

One exception may be the removal of Regulating Great Lakes Commercial Fishing from Sports Anglers.

Sincerely,
Richard Krawze
Laona, Wisconsin

To the Editor:

In 2010 the US Supreme Court ruled that the free speech clause of the First Amendment of the US Constitution prohibits government restrictions on political campaign spending by corporations, labor unions and other associations. The result has been unrestricted pollution of American politics by money. The polluters' subterfuge is edging us towards a dollar-dominated tyranny, financed by artificial persons. This portends misery for our children and grandchildren. The founders of our democratic republic would cringe, to say the least.

We can fix this. But nothing short of a Constitutional amendment will do. We need to act, together, to remedy the situation by amending the Constitution to clarify that:

Only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights - not corporations, unions, nonprofits or other artificial entities, and

Money is not speech and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting speech.

Letter Continued in Next Column ➡

We must generate undeniable public momentum. We cannot rely on entrenched, self-interested politicians to take the lead in reclaiming our democracy. Warning: It will take time and a lot of effort to pass this amendment, as it has the previous 27 Constitutional Amendments. Final passage will require the approval of two-thirds of the US House and Senate followed by three-fourths of the states. But take heart, and take part. Strategies are underway.

A powerful start has been made by nationwide passage of over 750 local resolutions that declare: "Only humans are persons, and money is not speech." Resolutions have passed in over 110 towns/cities/counties in Wisconsin. In the Northwoods the (notoriously conservative) Town of Lake Tomahawk was the first to pass such a resolution in November, 2016, with 91% of voters in favor! Let's follow their lead. Partisan ruts have no place in this landscape. Spread the word to fellow citizens, regardless of their political leanings. Let's work get the resolution passed in at least ten more Northwoods townships.

Dorothy Skye

Dear Editor,

I appreciate that the County Board Meetings are being Live Streamed on Facebook, it gives the residents of the county, who are unable to attend a chance to see how our local government functions. No one should have a problem with that, it is Called "Transparency". The last meeting I watched, a Library Committee Meeting, a person seemed to have a problem with the meeting being televised. Watching the meetings one sees who comes prepared and who doesn't. I found it very interesting.

I have talked with a few people out of the area regarding the video taping live of the meetings, county and city board meetings. They are broadcast "Live" so people are able to see their/our government function. Upon request, they also have a person for signage for the Deaf, this could be food for thought in the future.

It is interesting to watch the facial reactions or the posturing of people when they do not like something that is commented on, questioned, or requested. Everyone involved represents the county residents, be you an employee of the county or a board member.

Keep televising the County Board Meetings, it is very informative and educational for all.

Barb Majewski

Dear Editor,

We moved back to Argonne in 2004 after the death of our son.

We lived near a golf course in Brown County. And it was determined by various doctors that he died due to exposure to various pesticides, herbicides and mildewcides carelessly applied by the golf course.

We called in the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), hoping they would do something. They sent a man to investigate. He did nothing! Well, he did go and talk with the golf course owner, then he came back. That's when he told me that he, the golf course owner, had to spray his grass or it would die; and that I had no right to put him out of business. In not so many words he told me that the EPA thought that keeping his grass alive was more important than keeping our kids alive.

After our sons death, a doctor told me right out, "we know what killed your son but we can't go to court for you." But, and this is his exact words, "GET THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY TO HELL OUT OF THERE."

So we were faced with the sale of our home, we had to get out as fast as we could. But a lawyer told us we would have to disclose the reason we had to sell. That being; that our kids were being killed and made sick by careless application of poisons. Yes we had to disclose a situation that the EPA said didn't exist.

We had many people that showed good interest because it was a new home. But everyone of them backed out when we told our story. Finally, we sold it to the golf course, he bought it to get rid of us.

So we moved back to Argonne to get away from deadly chemicals, but guess what? The Forest County board thinks it would be great to have a black top plant 1/4 mile west of my home.

The prevailing winds in the summer are south and or west. We still have kids at home and also have 8 grand kids that spend time with us. So it's here we go again! It's obvious that when no one in Argonne wants this plant, "even temporary", because a hundred years could be considered temporary. But the county board says to bad you're going to get it anyway.

We are going to have to pull up stakes and leave again. But how can we sell to anyone because as soon as they find out about this noisy stinking asphalt plant, they are not going to buy it. The county board has made Argonne's property worthless. Maybe we should be taxed accordingly.

What can a man do? You can't fight the county board. You can't fight the EPA because they would say that the tar pit is more important than your family. And you can't fight the DNR (Dept of Natural Resources).

So the place is for sale. We are being run out of town again!! Maybe we should move in with the county board chairman, he lives at the other end of the county.

Pete Johnson

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Dear Editor,

Last week, in both the *Forest Republican* and the *Pioneer Express* there was news coverage as well as a letter to the editor in the *Pioneer* discussing the recent approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for a temporary asphalt plant in the Town of Argonne. I've asked for clarification of misrepresented facts by the *Forest Republican*, and I would expect this retraction to be in their January 31 edition. Most notably, Linda Sturnot and I issued separate letters, we did not issue a letter together.

The Land and Water Use Committee of Forest County (Committee) offered an opportunity for public opinion, having sent all required mailings and postings unlike what was done with a similar situation 13 years ago when some Argonne residents were not properly notified about a similar application. The letter to the editor in the *Pioneer* last week stated that Chairman Tauer was disrespectful - I disagree. He was direct, but not disrespectful. Yet, the Committee's agenda needed to offer further opportunity for Argonne residents to engage in conversation with both Northeast Asphalt and the Committee. County Board Member Stephen Bunda took time to review our concerns, specifically those regarding the potential for groundwater contamination. He acknowledged that none of the Committee members were experts in this matter. Yet, I believe his points of concern were not given deep consideration by the remaining members of the Committee. Tabling a decision until a later meeting with a DNR and/or EPA expert on hand would have been warranted. Northeast Asphalt stated, "They only want to be good neighbors," so I can only assume they'd have been open to a visit by both the DNR and EPA. Northeast Asphalt desired a timely response in their interest, with a very ambiguous letter of application (with the submitted air permit dated 2007 and the stormwater permit dated 2011). I do not believe a decision should have been expedited if all of our concerns were not adequately addressed. Substantial evidence was not provided to assure the safety of our groundwater, whether it would be from residual runoff due to operations of the plant, or worse yet, an accidental spill. I am yet to see an actual groundwater response plan.

Upon inquiry during the hearing, the only response by those representing Northeast was that they have a "yellow, 55-gallon drum" if something were to happen, with the two representatives speaking hesitantly and with a clear lack of procedural knowledge as to what a yellow, 55-gallon drum or anything else would provide for if there was an accidental spillage. Upon interjecting during the Committee's debate, the Committee did agree to add a condition of utilizing ground liners under containment tanks. Yet, in this specific gravel pit, it is common for standing water to be in the floor of the pit. I'm not sure ground liners will suffice if something were to happen. When a spill does occur at an asphalt plant, only about 10% of the spillage is able to be reclaimed immediately. The remainder is allowed to harden and the soil is later removed. With this pit being at the same depth as the water table, there is no soil to filter and hold any spillage there may be only inches of soil at best. Any residual runoff or spill will quickly enter the water table before hardening due to the very permeable soil. There are multiple residential groundwater wells within hundreds of feet of this location!

The Town of Argonne had a land use study completed in 2010 by North Central Regional Planning Commission located in Wausau. This study provided substantial evidence that our concern of groundwater contamination is not to be taken lightly. The report stated:

"Thus, in some areas, the overlying soil and bedrock materials allow contaminants to reach the groundwater more easily than in other areas of the state. Groundwater contamination susceptibility in Forest County is 'most susceptible' based upon soil characteristics, surficial deposits, depth to water table, depth to bedrock, and type of bedrock. Many land use activities have the potential to impact the quality of groundwater...accidental spills of paint, used motor oil, or other chemicals on the ground can result in contaminated groundwater."

There is currently a bipartisan movement to assure that all of Wisconsin has clean groundwater. Speaker Robin Vos created the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality on January 3, 2019 due to contaminated wells in southwestern Wisconsin. Just last week, Governor Tony Evers, declared 2019 "The Year of Clean Drinking Water" in Wisconsin. I have spent considerable time researching the CUP processes of other rural counties. Other counties require as many as 16 different conditions prior to approval, in addition to applications and documentation in excess of two dozen pages. I personally don't believe that Forest County currently has a stringent protocol in place to adequately assure the protection of our groundwater for these type of operations.

I recognize that we need asphalt for our roads, and unfortunately it has to be produced somewhere. I do not agree that it is appropriate to place such an operation in our residential area in Argonne where there are 30 private residences within one-half mile of this operation -- residences that have shallow wells and highly permeable soil. Wisconsin Act 67, which became law in 2017, did limit the authority of local municipalities to deny conditional use permits, unless there was substantial evidence provided that there could be contamination. We collectively provided substantial evidence that should have at least caused inquiry from the Committee beyond just this one meeting. Even if we agree to disagree as to what is or isn't substantial evidence, this change in law clearly did not deny the Committee the authority, and responsibility, to assure its residents that every possible condition is applied to prevent contamination, and that adequate response plans are in place. If not, then outright denying the permit was surely an option, and if litigated, let a judge decide. None of our local, or regional, volunteer fire departments are equipped to respond to such an accident.

And finally, I'm not personally interested in recalling the members of the Committee as suggested in last week's letter to the editor. Instead, I'm hopeful that the Committee, and the County Board, will further address this matter so as to assure the residents of Argonne as well as all other Forest County residents, that all necessary precautions and assurances are in place to assure for clean groundwater throughout Forest County. Of course, none of these companies intend to do environmental harm, but our elected officials need to assure residents, with complete fidelity, that they've done all necessary to protect our properties and families.

Sincerely,
Ben Niehaus

P.S. The support shown by the town chair of Laona for this location is peculiar. Northeast had an operation just north of Armstrong Creek that is the same distance, or closer, for the Township of Laona. Regardless, upon my request to review the conditional use permit for the Armstrong Creek site, I was told there was not a conditional use permit as Armstrong Creek is not zoned. Armstrong Creek residents, this may be something you desire further assurance in for the future - the repaving of Highway 101 is in the not too distant future I can only assume.

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Why are life-saving over the counter medications being taxed? An example is insulin for diabetics. What other over the counter life-saving drugs are out there that are being taxed that we do not know about? Isn't this taking taxes to a whole new level? Also, what is being done about the high cost of insulin?

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Rep. Swearingen supports middle class tax break

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"I was encouraged by Governor Evers' campaign promise to cut taxes on the middle class, however I strongly disagreed with the idea of eliminating the Manufacturing and Agriculture Tax Credit to pay for it. Thanks to our strong conservative reforms of the past eight years, Wisconsin currently enjoys a \$588.5 million budget surplus. The plan Assembly Republicans announced today will rightfully give that money back to the people without raising taxes on our hardworking farmers and manufacturers. This is the right thing to do for Wisconsin, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature and Governor Evers to get this done," said Rep. Swearingen.

Rep. Swearingen serves the Northwoods counties of Vilas, Oneida, Florence and portions of Forest.

Rep. Mursau announces tax relief for Wisconsin's middle class families

Madison – Rep. Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) is joining his fellow legislative colleagues today in announcing an effort to provide a significant tax cut for Wisconsin's middle class families. After eight years of financially responsible budgeting, Wisconsin has a strong budget surplus. The GOP plan would direct \$340 million of that surplus to middle class families throughout Wisconsin to provide tax relief.

"Whenever I work on developing the state budget, I always try to balance smart financial planning decisions with reducing the financial burden of our working families," said Rep. Mursau. "I am glad the smart budgeting decisions we made over the years has paid off and that we're in a position to give back and provide this tax cut without having to raise taxes on our local businesses to do it."

Rep. Mursau and his Assembly colleagues reached out to Governor Evers last week and detailed a number of issues where the two branches could work together in a bipartisan way to accomplish shared goals. This effort continued when Governor Evers joined Rep. Mursau and his fellow GOP representatives in joint caucus earlier this week. The proposal unveiled today delivers on a shared promise and is a testament to the word of both parties to put politics aside and move the state forward. The tax reductions announced today are for individuals making less than \$100,000 and families earning \$150,000 or less. According to the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, a median income family filing jointly should see a \$310 reduction in their net taxes.

"Though I expect this session will likely find the legislature and Governor disagreeing on various issues, I am glad we can find common ground on providing tax relief to our hard-working constituents," said Mursau. "I look forward to working with Governor Evers in the coming months on the state's two year budget and finding additional areas where we can work together."

Right now, Assembly Republicans are working with colleagues in the Senate to finalize this tax relief legislation, and it could be introduced as early as next week. Once approved by the legislature and signed into law, the tax cut would take effect next year.

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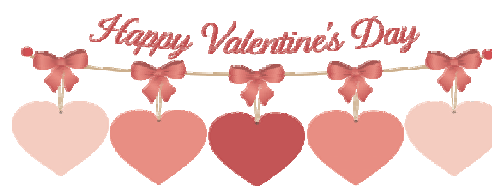
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