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## Laona Lions club member awarded Melvin Jones Fellow



The highest honor given by Lions Club international Foundation was presented to Lions member Jack Matuszewski on Wednesday March 27 at the Clubhouse restaurant in Laona during the monthly meeting. Presenting the distinguished award was Club Secretary, Lion Dan Bobbe.

The award is given to a member who has shown commitment in Lions club projects and activities, along with community involvement. Lion Jack has been a member with the Laona Lions for over 40 years. He has served as Club President for three terms and currently serves as Vice President. Lion Jack also served on the Silver Lake beach projects committee, Trap Shoot committee, Community Soup committee, along with many other club activities. Lion Jack has been very busy with the community serving on the School board, ATV club, 100 miler snowmobile club, and as town chair.

The award is in honor of Lion Melvin Jones who was the founder of Lions Clubs International in 1917. Then at the Lions International convention in 1925 in Ohio, Hellen Keller gave a speech asking the Lions to be the "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." The motto for Lions is "We Serve".

## Conservation Corner Drain Campaign

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](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

It is that time of year when many fishermen travel to areas with open water to capture the spring runs of walleye. This traveling provides increased risk of transfer of invasive species to sites here in Forest County. This week I have tapped into the DNR for our article. The Wisconsin DNR promotes a project called the "Drain Campaign", but the practices during this campaign should be followed by fishermen year-round.

### Draining live wells can stop invasive species and protect Wisconsin's waters

MADISON-Anglers will be reminded to drain live wells, bait buckets, motors and bilges before leaving a boat launch or fishing access during the statewide Drain Campaign on May 31-June 2, 2019. Water left in the boat and other equipment can transport fish diseases and aquatic invasive species between lakes, rivers and streams. For the second year, it's easier than ever to bring the message to new fishermen of all ages as the Drain Campaign coincides with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Free Fishing Weekend, June 1-2.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters boat inspectors made up of volunteers, regional aquatic invasive species partners and WDNR staff will talk with anglers and boaters at launches around the state. At many lakes and river accesses, they will also hand out free icepacks and other Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! items while they remind people that icing is the best way to keep fish fresh.

"Ice is a great alternative to keep your fish fresh on the ride home," says Bob Wakeman, the statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, adding that ice is already preferred by many anglers, since it stops bacterial growth and helps to protect the flavor of your catch. "Anglers are passionate about protecting their lakes and know the right thing to do is to remove all plants and animals and drain water from their boats. That includes draining from live wells and buckets which helps keep microscopic invasive species and diseases from moving between lakes and rivers."

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## Goodman-Armstrong Creek School Referendum and Laona School Referendum both pass

The Goodman-Armstrong Creek School Referendum was passed by the voters by an unofficial count of 320 "yes" votes to a count of 217 "no" votes. The Laona School Referendum easily passed by a vote of 253 votes for and 124 against.

The Goodman-Armstrong Creek referendum was a hotly contested issue. Armstrong Creek voters only approved the referendum by five votes, with the bulk of the winning votes coming from the Goodman voters.

See the total election results for all races inside on page 15

## Wabeno High School Fab Lab is open for business



Fab Lab Director Tim Stolar and Senior student, Baylen Caley working on 3D Printer Entrepreneurial Project.

The Wabeno High School Fab Lab will be offering workshops and open times for those in our community that wish to learn and use the facility. The Fab Lab will be open April 10, 17 and 24 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday the 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The May days are the 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 4 p.m.-7 p.m.

In order to use the Fab Lab and its equipment, everyone must attend the Introduction to the Fab Lab Workshop.

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## Reminder: Spring Fish & Game Hearings Sept. 8th in Crandon

The Spring Fish & Game Hearing is on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m., at the Crandon High Auditorium. Be there to express your opinions and vote on issues affecting our natural resources and fishing and hunting rules.

## UW-Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble to perform in Wabeno Area Players Fine Arts Series



UW-Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Marty Robinson.

Nancy Volk Auditorium, Wabeno High School  
April 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

The UW Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Marty Robinson, is the premiere jazz group at the university. In addition, the jazz ensemble travels to national jazz festivals and often tours regionally to high schools around Wisconsin and the upper Midwest. The ensemble plays a wide variety of jazz big-band music, from the early swing era to classic 60s jazz to 80s jazz fusion to modern jazz, including everything in between, and prides itself on the ability to switch gears musically and present a rich and wide array of great jazz music, often featuring new composers and arrangers as well.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (ages 9-18). The venue for the event is the Nancy Volk Auditorium (Wabeno High School, 4325 Branch St., Wabeno, WI 54566). For tickets call (800) 838-3006 or order online at: [wabenoareaplayers.brownpapertickets.com](http://wabenoareaplayers.brownpapertickets.com)

Tickets will be available at the door starting at 6:15 p.m.

## Forest County ranked 69 out of 72 counties for Health Outcomes

Forest County ranked 69 out of 72 for both health outcomes and health factors, according to the annual County Health Rankings that are released by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

Health Outcomes looks at premature death rates and quality of life. Premature death rates contribute to 50% of the health outcomes ranking and is measured by the years of potential life lost before age 75. Forest County saw an increase in premature deaths in 2018. Quality of life contributes to the other 50% of the health outcomes ranking and takes into consideration percentages of people who report poor or fair health, poor physical and mental health days, and percentage of low birth weight babies born in our county. Quality of life has improved slightly compared to 2018 rankings.

There are four categories included in the Health Factors rankings: health behaviors, clinical care, social and economic factors, and physical environment.

Health Behaviors contribute to 30% of this ranking and include adult smoking, obesity, exercise, excessive drinking, alcohol-impaired driving death, sexually transmitted infections, and teen births. There were no significant improvements noted in these areas.

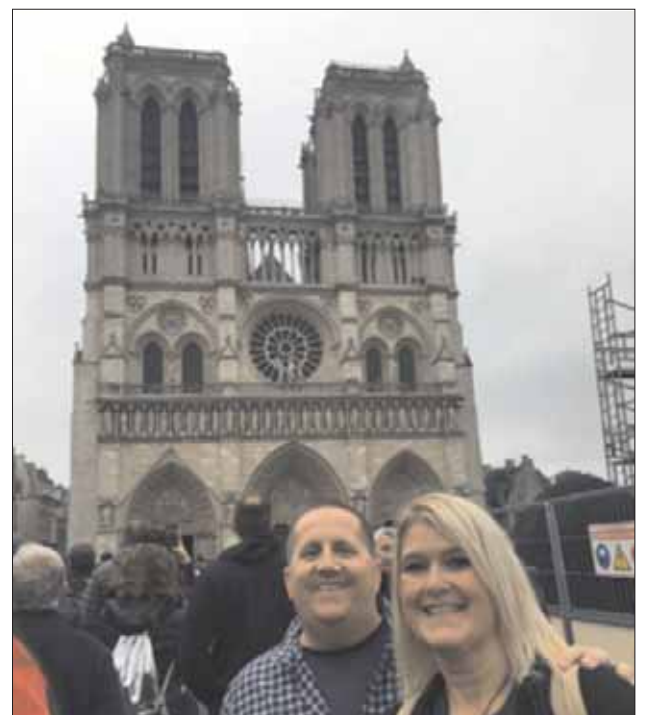
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## Armchair Traveler Series at Crandon Public Library



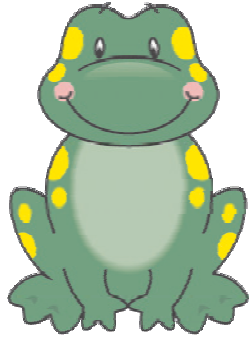
The Crandon Public Library is hosting another Armchair Traveler Series event on April 10 at 7 p.m. Andy and Karen McMillion are presenting on their recent trip to Europe. Join Andy and Karen as they go through photos and tips from their European vacation. The couple traveled to France, Belgium and the Netherlands and will be highlighting some of their favorite stops. France's high lights include Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, Invalides, and River Siene in Paris. Belgium highlights include the Grand Palace, the Royal Palace, and quaint neighborhoods and parks.

The conclusion of the presentation will feature a "tips for the trip" section with suggestions on how to plan your very own European vacation!

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# AREA EVENTS



Dear 3rd-8th Grade Families,

On Tuesday, April 9th, there will be a Kind Assembly for 3rd-8th grade students and parents at 6:00 PM in the school auditorium. The purpose of the assembly is to highlight the importance of healthy girl-to-girl relationships. Please consider joining us for this wonderful event promoting kindness and combating girl bullying.

The documentary "Finding Kind" will be shown, free raffles on great prizes will take place and the evening will end with an ice cream social. Please contact Ashley Dewing, Kind Ambassador, 715-902-0283.

T-shirts with the the logo "Be. Kind." can be ordered at the assembly for a cost of \$10 each. The shirts are gray with black lettering and can be ordered in youth and adult sizes. Let's start a movement of kindness in our community.

## Around the Area

### Leader Dogs for the blind-Three Lakes

The Three Lakes Lions club to host a presentation about Leader Dogs for the blind with Guest Speakers, BJ Blahnik, a leader dog recipient, and Lion Deb Delie, a leader dog trainer, at the Three Lakes Center for the arts 1760 Superior St, Three Lakes, at 6 p.m. Thursday April 11th.

BJ Blahnik is originally from Seymour, Wisconsin. He is the youngest of five children and was raised around farming. BJ was diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) at about the age of 10.

After graduating from Seymour Community High School in 1998, BJ moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin. He worked for Schneider National Inc. until 2010. Due to his diminishing vision, BJ retired which ended his career in management.

By attempting many different career opportunities in different corporations, he discovered the challenge of his vision was not allowing him to reach his potential. BJ, along with his wife, Victoria, now own their own business, "Reach Forward," which works with special needs individuals through day services and a residential program.

BJ married Victoria in May of 2010 and they live in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. They have three sons, Emmitt, Trevor and Harvey. BJ enjoys woodworking projects, is a member of the USA Blind Sailing Team and a volunteer in his community. He has been a Lions member since 1998 and chartered his current Lions Club, the Sheboygan Community Lions Club, in 2017. He is also the Executive Director of a non-profit organization, VISION (Visually Impaired Sailing Institute & Organization of North America).

In 2006 BJ's life was changed forever when he received his first Leader Dog. In January of 2014 BJ returned for his current Leader Dog, Goober, a male Black Lab. Goober was raised at the Fort Dodge Correctional Facility in Iowa.

Come listen to BJ's life journey of walking into the dim with the power of vision. You will hear stories of how a mutated gene changed his life forever yet allowed BJ to recognize that the struggle of vision can truly change what we actually see in life.

Lion Deb Delie, from Marshfield, a Leader Dog Puppy Trainer, will be there with her current puppy. She will share what's it's like to raise a Leader Dog Puppy and the satisfaction of knowing she played a roll in helping a recipient of a Lead Dog receive the Puppy she trained.

Did you know that a Leader Dog Puppy can have certain things to play with? Deer Antlers are welcome for the Leaders Dogs. Puppy Trainer, Lion Deb Delie, requests you bring any Deer Antlers you are willing to part with, so the Leader Dogs have something to play with. She shares antlers she is given with other puppy trainers. Antler Donations will be accepted at the Three Lakes Center for the Arts. Of course, remember that you can also bring used glasses, cell phones and/or hearing aids that the Three Lakes Lions Club collects for repurposing.

Questions Please contact LionCollette@gmail.com or (508) 516-1831.

### Antigo Music Association New Season

The Antigo Music Association will run its 2019-2020 membership drive during April. Five varied concerts will be presented in the Volm Theater located in the Antigo High School. Great entertainment can be enjoyed in comfort and with professional acoustics.

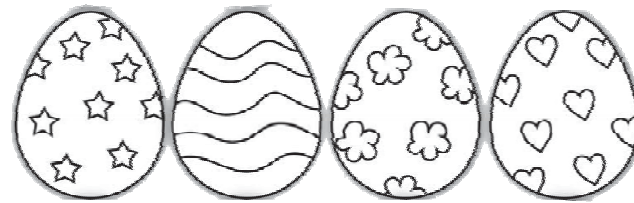
The new season will offer Take Me Home/Jim Curry, the music of John Denver, Timothy Chooi will feature the violin at its finest, Beginnings is THE premier Chicago Tribute Band, Ball in the House features R&B, soul and pop acapella, and Presidio Brass, a brass quintet. Series memberships allow for reciprocity concerts in Merrill and Medford; even more performances with just one membership. Buy a new membership before May 1st and attend the last concert of this current season as a bonus concert and see The Jersey Tenors on Thursday, May 2.

Membership fees are: adult, \$45, student, \$15, and family \$100 and can be purchased at Neve's Furniture & Flooring in downtown Antigo or call Dede Cromer in Antigo at 715- 623-5133 for more information.

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### The Friends of the Crandon Library award scholarship



Library Director Stephanie Schmidt presents Scholarship winner Brianna McCarthy with her award.

The Friends of the Crandon Public Library have awarded Brianna McCarthy its annual \$500 scholarship. Brianna is attending Lawrence University in Appleton and is majoring in Music Education. She is a 2018 graduate of Crandon High School and is originally from Hiles.

Applications for the 2019 Scholarship are available to high school seniors in the area and are now being accepted. We appreciate all in the community who make these types of awards possible with their support of the Friends.

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The Red Arrow Snowmobile/ATV Club and the Hidden Bear Trail ATV Club are sponsoring a Wisconsin DNR certified ATV Safety Course. The course will be held at the Townsend Town Hall Municipal Building, 17937 Front Street, Townsend WI (corner of Elm and Hwy 32). Class meets Saturday, April 27th from noon to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 28th from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the course with a recommended minimum age of 11-1/2. Anyone born after January 1, 1988 and at least 12 years old must have ATV certification to operate on public areas. Those students who have not reached the age of 12 may not use their certificate to operate alone until they turn 12 years of age. Parents and adults are encouraged to enroll and participate. Fees for the course are \$10.00 per student. Fee is waived if you, parents or grandparents are members of either club.

Students successfully completing the course will receive ATV safety graduate certificates. It is important to note that students must attend both sessions. There is no actual ATV operation in the class.

Register online and also obtain a DNR customer number at <https://gowild.wi.gov/> or a customer number can also be obtained at DNR service outlets or 1-888-936-7463.

Class size is limited. Students with special needs will need to contact the instructor at least two weeks in advance to request special accommodations. For information, please contact Larry Westphal at 920-912-3689 or Lw56trailz@gmail.com.

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## Conservation Cont'd From Pg. 1

Fishermen are the best messengers to spread the word to other anglers by modeling prevention steps to those new to the sport as well as to others who don't know the law and reasons behind it. Those who use social media can also spread the word about the importance of draining livewells and other equipment by posting photos and messages using #JustDrainIt.

The following steps are required by law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- \*\* INSPECT boats, trailers and equipment for attached aquatic plants or animals.
- \*\* REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals.
- \*\* DRAIN all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment, including livewells and buckets containing fish.
- \*\* NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbody.
- \*\* DISPOSE of unwanted bait in the trash
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\*\* Only use leftover minnows when either 1) fishing with them on the same body of water or 2) on other waters if no lake/river water or other fish have been added to the container.

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts to Wisconsin's waters and economy, visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/invasives>.

## Health Cont'd from pg 1

Clinical Care contributes 20% of this ranking and includes the percentage of uninsured individuals under the age of 65. We have improved again in this area to 10% uninsured. Clinical care also look at the ratio of our population to primary care physicians, dentists, and mental health providers, the number of preventable hospital stays, and diabetes and mammography screenings. Forest County improved in the primary care physician to population ratio as well as mammography screenings. We did not improve in the other areas.

Social and economic factors are heaviest weighted category, accounting for 40% of the ranking. This category looks at high school graduation rates, college, unemployment, children living in poverty, income

inequality, children in single-parent households, violent crimes, and injury deaths. Forest County has a 93% high school graduation rate, and those attending at least some college is 58%, which is an improvement. Our unemployment rate decreased from 6.4% to 5.1%. Violent crime rates and injury deaths have both increased. 23% of our children are living in poverty and 40% are living in a single-parent household, which is an increase.

Physical environment contributes to the final 10% of our overall ranking and includes air and water quality, housing problems, and those commuting to work. Forest County currently ranks 3 out of 72 counties for this category and has consistently been in the top three.

The rankings are available to view at [www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org). We encourage you to look into these rankings and compare the differences between some of the healthiest counties and counties with the poorest health. It is evident that there are many social and economic factors such as housing, education, income, and access to health care that play a huge role in how healthy we are as a community.

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## Thank Yous and Personals

**THANK YOU!**  
We would like to thank the friends and family of Kathryn Ann Bruenning, who en lieu of flowers, decided to give very generously to the Forest County Humane Society, we can't thank you enough.

**Laona Class of 2019 says THANKS!**  
  
The Laona Senior Class of 2019 would like to thank the Forest County Potawatomi for the use of the van for our class trip. We had a great time. Due to your generous donation, our class was able to conserve money, and spend it on many fun things, like zip lining, Dolly wood, and a dinner theater. The donation of the van for our trip truly made our trip go from good to great. Once again, we would all like to extend our gratitude to the Forest County Potawatomi for your support of our wonderful trip.  
Sincerely, The Laona Senior Class of 2019

**FAB LAB Continued From pg1**  
The first of these workshops will begin April 17 at 5:00 p.m. A schedule of Workshops and times will be available on the Wabeno School Districts Website.  
**What is a Fab Lab?**  
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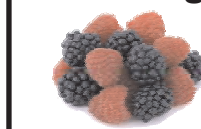
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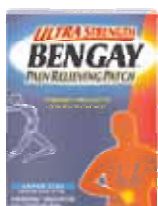
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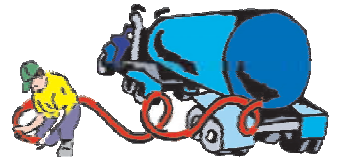
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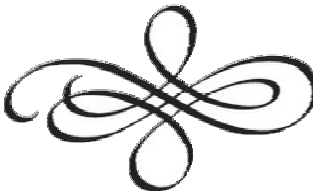
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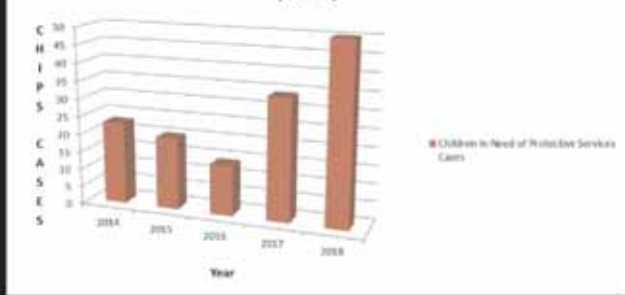
Forest County has over 50 children and youth in foster care or placed with relatives. We desperately need more foster families who live in Forest County so that we can keep kids safe, in their community and close to family and friends.

Every month in Wisconsin, between 350 – 400 children are removed from their birth parents due to neglect or abuse. The need is ongoing but, over the past two years, has been increasing by an additional 500 children over the average each year.

Every two hours in WI, a child enters into foster care because of neglect, abuse, or drugs and alcohol in the home. The shortage of foster parents is an extreme issue in our community and across our state.

We hope you will help us in our effort to care for the children in the foster care system. Please call Forest County Social Services at 715-478-3351 for more information on becoming a foster parent.

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## 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. Bible study 8:00 A.M. with Worship at 9:00 a.m. Sunday. After School Program is Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. Lenten services begin Wed. Mar 6 at 5:30 p.m. Located at the corner of 55 and Cty. A in Pickerel. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** - 1507 N Lake Ave, Crandon. Sunday Service 9:30 A.M. Pastor Verage - 715-889-3474.
- **St John Lutheran Church** - 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 8:00 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. Sunday Worship Service at 9 AM, Wednesday Prayer & Bible study 6 PM (winter-time 2PM). Pastor Benjamin Larson (715) 610-1420
- **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.gospelmissionfellowship.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.
- **St. Mary's Catholic Church** N9184 WI-55, Pickerel, WI 54465. Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m., Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**TOWN OF FREEDOM**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
 The Freedom Annual Town meeting will be held at the Freedom Town Hall on Tuesday, April 16th, 2019, at 7:00 P.M.

Patricia Valley, Clerk

**TOWN OF ROSS ANNUAL MEETING**  
 Annual Meeting for the Town of Ross will be held at the Newald Town Hall on Tuesday, April 23th at 6 p.m.

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**NOTICE OF LAONA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
 Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Laona that the Board of Canvassers will be meeting for the purpose of Canvassing of Ballots on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Laona School District Library.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2019.

/S/ Samantha Hoffman  
 District Clerk

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## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- **The Pickerel Area 50 Plus Club** will hold a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church at noon. Please bring a dish to pass and a joke to tell.
- **Crandon American Legion Post 94** - First Thursday of every month (except Sept.) at 7 p.m. at the new American Legion Hall.
- **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. at the training center at the shelter. 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.
- **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.
- **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 Rhineland. 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.

## Wabeno School District Breakfast Menu April 8-12, 2019

- Mon.:** Whole grain cereal, fruit cup, fruit juice, milk
- Tue.:** Chicken and waffles, bacon, watermelon, fruit juice, milk
- Wed:** Breakfast sandwich, peaches, fruit juice, milk
- Thur:** Scrambled eggs, biscuit and gravy, sausage patty, banana, fruit juice, milk
- Fri:** Whole grain pancake, sausage links, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

## Wabeno School District Lunch Menu April 8-12, 2019

- Mon.:** Assorted pizza, green beans, apple sauce, garden bar, milk
- Tue.:** Cheeseburger, potato chips, peas & carrots, pineapple tidbits, garden bar, milk
- Wed.:** Cheesy baked potato soup, W.G. cracker, mixed fruit, garden bar, milk
- Thurs.:** Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, pears, garden bar, milk
- Fri.:** Spaghetti, meat sauce/ Marinara, California blend, Scooby snacks, sliced apples, garden bar, milk

## Annual Meeting Notice

**Town of Lincoln**  
 Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
 \* The regular April Town Board meeting will follow the annual meeting.

## Laona School District Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Melissa McLaughlin
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Bills and Claims
  - B. Meeting Minutes
6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
  - A. Michelle Gobert - Community Coalition
  - B. Start College Now/Early College Credit - Jason Bertrand
  - C. Forest Republican
  - D. NLCSBA Meeting
  - E. Junior High Track Coach
  - F. Negotiations
  - G. Certified Staff Supplement
  - H. Policy Updates
  - I. National Board Certification
  - J. Sub Pay
  - K. 2019-2020 Calendar
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. 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).

## 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 Community Center on School St.. 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.
- **Lost Marbles Group - Open AA meeting** - Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Wabeno Fire Station, side entrance.

# Bids & Notices

## FOREST COUNTY CONTRACTORS TRAINING

**WHERE:** Forest County Courthouse, County Board Room  
**WHEN:** Monday, April 8, 2019  
**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

All building and excavating contractors planning on working in Forest County this building season.

**SPEAKERS:**

- Jeannie Fannin**- Forest County Zoning Administrator
- Al Murray**- Forest County Lands Conservation
- Stacy Karcz**- City of Crandon Zoning Administrator
- Melissa Yarrington**- WI DNR- Stormwater
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## Invitation for Bids A-Binoojii Child Development Center Sokaogon Chippewa Community

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**Indoor:**

- \*\* Reset children's lavatory
- \*\* Add food disposal on three compartment sink.
- \*\* Add an economizer to exterior heating/cooling unit.
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**Outdoor:**

- \*\* Landscape work to (2) fenced in playground areas.

Additional information and specifications must be obtained from and discussed with Brenda Flannery, Early Childhood Director at A-Binoojii Child Development Center at 715-478-6444. All BIDS shall include proof of insurance. Agreement to adhere to project completion timelines will be required upon acceptance of BID.

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## Crandon Senior Spotlight - Kiara Marvin



Kiara Marvin, daughter of Renn Marvin Jr. and Beth Montgomery, said her favorite high school memory was her junior prom. Being able to spend the week before prom with her class and decorating was fun. Another great memory was with her best friend, Richard Alloway, when they were goofing off and they both fell and he sprained his ankle. Her greatest accomplishment would be keeping her grades up.

In elementary school, she had many friends. Now that she's a senior, she has one close friend since she was a little girl. Everyone moves on in life. You think you're never going to grow up until the time comes. So in life, she's learned to always put yourself first.

Her future college plans would either be attending Northern Michigan University or UW-Oshkosh to pursue her dream goal of becoming a social worker. She loves to work with kids, and especially helping kids who are in an unstable home.

She would like to thank her dad for pushing her every day to make her go to school and never giving up on her. She would also like to thank her mom, Beth, for being by her side when she went through rough times. Both of her parents, she couldn't thank enough for pushing her to become the person she is today.



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## Crandon Senior Spotlight - Hanna Evans



Hanna Evans, daughter of Bonnie and David Evans, said her best high school memories come from hanging out with some of her best friends who she's had throughout the years. Some accomplishments she's had are being on National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, having a GPA over 3.5, taking multiple college credit courses and also participating in sports.

In the past twelve years, she's learned that with hard work and confidence, you can achieve anything. It might just take some patience. You can get anywhere you want if you just put your mind to it. It's also important to surround yourself with loving and supportive people who influence you in a positive way, being the best you can be.

She plans on attending Fox Valley Technical College for business management and possibly transferring to UW-Oshkosh after two years.

She would like to thank all of her family, her friends, and also her teachers for shaping her to be the person she is today and always striving to be the best she can be.

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**Crandon Senior  
 Spotlight -  
 Hailie Henrie**



Hailie Henrie, daughter of Sara and Dan Burdick, said some of her favorite high school memories have to be shooting trap, being a part of NHS, making honor roll, being involved in FFA back in Utah and learning to speak advanced German. High school is a thing you only get

To do once in your life. Have fun with it because it goes by super quick.  
 Things I have learned in the last twelve years are you have to work for what you want. Nothing is ever handed to you. I have learned that you can not slack off assignments. Teachers don't tolerate it. Always remember to get them in on time.  
 Her future college plans are to go to Lakeshore Technical College to pursue a degree in radiography, then later on advance her degree in pediatric nursing.  
 She would like to thank her parents: Mom - thank you for always pushing me to be my absolute best, staying up late and always being my #1 supporter. Dan - Thank you for being the best step-dad I could ever ask for. Thank you for taking care of my mom and thank you for teaching me how to shoot trap, drive, hunt and fish. Thank you for being patient with me at all times. I love you both very much.



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**City Of Crandon Police Department  
 From the desk of Chief Packard**  
 March 2019 CPD Activity Report:  
 5 Accident(s)  
 5 Alarm Call(s)  
 5 Animal Incident(s)  
 3 Assists to Citizens/Motorists  
 19 Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.  
 1 Breaking & Entering/Burglary Incident(s)  
 1 Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)  
 1 Civil Matter/Dispute(s)  
 2 Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (3 CITATIONS ISSUED / 1 ARREST)  
 3 Domestic Dispute/Disturbance (1 ARREST)  
 3 Drug Abuse/Possible Drug Abuse Incident(s) (1 CITATION ISSUED)  
 1 Extortion/Blackmail Incident(s)  
 1 Fraud/Scam Incident(s)  
 1 Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)  
 4 Harassment/Threat Incident(s) (1 CITATION ISSUED)  
 22 Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls  
 1 Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)  
 2 Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)  
 1 Probation/Parole Violation(s)  
 2 Property Damage Complaint(s)  
 17 Security Checks--Businesses/Residences  
 6 Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)  
 3 Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)  
 4 Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)  
 6 Vehicle Lockout(s)  
 3 Vehicle Theft(s) (6 ARRESTS)  
 8 Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters  
 24 Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

Forest County Nonpartisan Spring Election UNOFFICIAL Results April 2, 2019	Justice Of The Supreme Court (1 seat)		Court Of Appeals Judge Dist 3 (1 seat)		Crandon School District School Board Member (4 seats)						Laona School District School Board Member (1 seat)		Wabeno School District School Board Member Forest County Seat (1 seat)		Wabeno School District School Board Member Oconto County Seat (1 seat)		Laona School Referenda Question		
	Brian Hagedorn	Lisa Neubauer	Scattering	Lisa K. Stark	Scattering	Jeff Ackley Jr	Kadie Montgomery	Skye Alloway	Bryan Schallock	John Doane	Scattering	Melissa McLaughlin	Scattering	Trinity Shepard	Scattering	Daniel Christianson	Scattering	Yes	No
Alvin	30	22	0	36	0	17	24	11	23	17	0								
Argonne, Ward 1-3	64	28	0	67	1	60	75	33	64	69	0								
Armstrong Creek	129	82	0	152	1														
Blackwell	21	4	0	21	0							1	0	20	0	19	0	1	0
Caswell	16	7	0	19	0							23	0					15	10
Twn-Crandon, Ward 1-3	68	46	0	86	0	62	77	45	78	80	1								
Freedom	66	46	0	81	0									85	0	89	1		
Hiles	90	47	0	94	0	77	92	38	85	65	0								
Laona, Ward 1-3	171	118	1	209	2							280	3					212	90
Lincoln, Ward 1-3	176	97	0	203	0	167	186	119	181	188	2								
Nashville, Ward 1	71	22	0	59	0	65	58	34	69	63	1								
Nashville, Ward 2	4	26	0	25	0	16	14	26	15	13	2								
Nashville, Ward 3	62	26	0	67	0	40	49	34	58	40	0								
Popple River	6	7	0	14	0							13	0					9	5
Ross	21	13	0	27	0							30	0					16	19
Wabeno, Ward 1-5	79	53	0	85	1									98	1	95	1		
City-Crandon, Ward 1-4	191	104	1	167	0	211	201	112	157	216	1								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>124</b>

The unofficial results for the Goodman-Armstrong Creek School Board election are Jim Baribeau - 284, Laura Klescewski - 274, Stan Millan - 202 and Scott Goode - 164.

**Crandon Senior Spotlights - Sage Dalton**



Sage Dalton, son of John Dalton and Terry Slimmer, said his best high school memories are of the friendships and relationships he has made throughout his school years, the various skills he learned to prepare him for adulthood and the real world experiences.

Throughout his school career, he has been taught various skills, including finance, auto repair, welding and construction skills.

He plans to attend Nicolet College for automotive and welding.

He would like to thank his mom, dad, sisters, step-dad Wayne, Uncle Jan and Mr. Krawze for getting him motivated for school.

**TOPIC OF THE MONTH "Staying Well" MEAL SCHEDULE**

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA Monday - April 8** - Chicken veronique, baked potato with sour cream, peas and carrots, biscuit, peach cobbler

**Monday - April 15** - Chicken ala king, brown rice, tossed salad, biscuit, pear crisp

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK Tuesday - April 9** - Beef chili with beans, tossed salad with cheese, raisins, wheat bread, chocolate pie - **BINGO: Armstrong Creek**

**Tuesday - April 16** - Baked ham, scalloped potato, green beans, applesauce, sourdough bread, cream puffs - **MUSIC: Armstrong Creek; BINGO: Crandon**

**CRANDON Wednesday - April 10** - Roast pork, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, dinner roll, fruit sorbet

**Wednesday - April 17** - Beef tips with onions and mushrooms, mashed potato, carrots, dinner roll, applesauce

**LAONA, WABENO CONGREGATE Thursday - April 10** - Roast pork, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, dinner roll, fruit sorbet

**Thursday - April 18** - Beef tips with onions and mushrooms, mashed potato, carrots, dinner roll, applesauce

**ALVIN Thursday - April 11** - Chicken and rice, green beans, coleslaw, peaches, cookies, wheat bread, margarine

**Thursday - April 18** - Ham, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, pineapple, bars, wheat bread, margarine

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**Senior Chatter**

**Medicare Advantage plans overturn 75% of their own claims**  
Submitted by Kathy O'Melia

An Office of the Inspector General report raises questions about whether Medicare Advantage plans have inappropriately denied claims. The number of individuals with Medicare Advantage plans increased from 8 million individuals in 2007 to 21 million in 2018. Consequently, "even low rates of inappropriately denied services or payment can create significant problems for many Medicare beneficiaries and providers." These improper denials contribute to physical or financial harm and cause misuse of Medicare dollars, the report concluded.

The Office of Inspector General report found Medicare Advantage plans had "widespread and persistent problems related to denials of care and payment." When beneficiaries and providers challenged these denials, Medicare Advantage plans overturned 75 percent of their own denials during 2014-16. During the same period, independent reviewers at higher levels of the appeals process overturned an additional 80,000 denials in favor of beneficiaries and providers.

The high rate of improper first level denials is particularly troublesome because beneficiaries and providers appealed only 1 percent of these denials. This creates a tremendous financial incentive for Medicare Advantage plans to continue to improperly deny claims. If beneficiaries never appeal these improper denials, the Medicare Advantage Plans have little incentive to stop denying coverage improperly.

A number of factors contribute to the low rate of appeals. For instance, "CMS also cited 45 percent of contracts

for sending denial letters with incomplete or incorrect information, which may inhibit beneficiaries' and providers' ability to file a successful appeal."

Medicare pays Medicare Advantage plans a payment each month for each beneficiary enrolled in the health plan. The Medicare Advantage plans use the payments to pay for all Medicare required care for an enrolled beneficiary. Yet the amount the Medicare Advantage plan receives is the same regardless of the amount of claims the plan covers for the beneficiary. Healthcare stakeholders have raised concerns that the payment model may incentivize Medicare Advantage plans to inappropriately deny claims and prior authorization requests to maximize their profits.

The report can be found at: <https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-09-16-00410.pdf>.

**Bus Schedule**

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

**Alvin, Nelma, Laona, 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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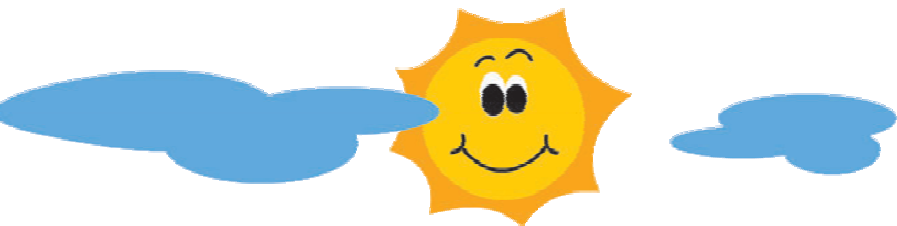
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**Wabeno Forensics Team advances to Madison**



Wabeno High School Forensics members recently competed in the district competitions in Marinette (March 9th) and Tomahawk (March 16th). All ten students who competed will be advancing to the state competition at UW Madison on April 12th and 13th.

Pictured left to right: Sunshine Nelson, Annalise Sommer, Kelly Boor, Bekkah VanEperan, Maddie Korbas, Morgan Mattern, Mikey Austin, Aidan Lowery, Conor Lowery, Natalie Johnson, Hailey Krueger.

**FAB LAB CONT. FROM PG. 6**

**What is an Open Lab and what are the hours?**

The Fab Lab is open for individual use during posted times. These Open Lab hours are scheduled weekly.

**Who uses the Fab Lab?**

From teen to senior, novice to skilled, the Lab attracts engineers, artists, artisans, entrepreneurs, musicians, teachers, students and the curious at heart. Looking for a new hobby? Are you an inventor with a great idea? Do you need to acquire the skills to execute? Every level can benefit by our impressive collection of equipment, tools, technology and intellectual resources.

**Do I have to know how to use the equipment to access the Lab?**

Every individual that wants to use the lab must complete the Introduction to the Fab Lab Workshop.

**I know how to use the equipment. Can I book time on a machine?**

Yes. A member of our staff will work with you initially to ensure you are familiar with the equipment and our safety procedures.

**Volunteering**

If you'd like to simply be involved at the Lab, there is always room for volunteers who are interested in helping us to improve our services. Contact Tim Stolar, Fab Lab Director, for volunteering opportunities. You can reach Tim at (715) 473-2592, Ext. 5115 or email [tstolar@wabeno.k12.wi.us](mailto:tstolar@wabeno.k12.wi.us)

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