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Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel Spreads Holiday Cheer



Carter, WI (December 18, 2019) - Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel (PCCH), the premier gaming destination in Northern Wisconsin, has been spreading the holiday spirit with donations to local organizations throughout the community.

PCCH believes in giving back to the communities in the area. This holiday season, PCCH made donations to five local programs to spread holiday cheer. During the month of November, team members at PCCH held their annual toy drive. Employees generously donated a total of 461 toys, which were distributed to local children for the holiday season. A portion of the donated toys were given to Forest and Oconto County Social Services for families in need and the remaining toys were delivered to Associated Bank in Crandon for their Giving Tree program.

In a visit to Schaefer's IGA, essential items were acquired for two other local charities. The Forest County Humane Society and NEWCAP in Crandon graciously accepted the donations and were able to stock their shelves just in time for the holiday season. In total, the donations to these local charities surpassed \$3,000. PCCH is honored to support local programs that help so many people in our area. Being involved in a close-knit community is one of the benefits of living in the Northwoods.

Ring in the New Year with PLAY in Wabeno!

The PLAY (Positive Leadership for Adults and Youth) organization invites all families to celebrate New Year's Eve at Madonna Hall, located behind St. Ambrose Church, in Wabeno. The event is Tuesday, December 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

This alcohol and drug free party is free to all ages. Bingo, food, punch, door prizes and ringing in the New Year will be fun for all.

We hope to see you there. Any questions, call Linda at 715-889-0123.

Conservation Corner

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

I recently attended a Webinar put on by the Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science. They are stationed at Michigan Tech in Houghton, Michigan and study the climate of Northern Wisconsin and the Western UP.

With our recent cold snap and snowfall, people tend to think climate change is a farce. What we just experienced is weather. Weather plus time equals climate. And yes, our climate is changing, even in the Northwoods. Average temperature has increased by about two degrees since 1950. Precipitation on the other hand has gone down in the Northern half of Wisconsin during the summer and gone up in the Southern half of the state. This is kind of a mystery and a good explanation hasn't been found yet. Large rain events (3 inches +) have become more frequent and more violent. Our growing seasons in the Northwoods are becoming longer. You may think that would be a good thing, but it's not necessarily the case. The combination of temperature, precipitation and growing season can cause a 'threat multiplier' and cause more stress on our forests, more insect pests, freezing/thawing of buds and more invasive species.

Here in the Northwoods, climate change can mean increased drought risks, extreme weather events (remember Mountain last summer), less frozen ground (which actually protects our trees), increased fire risk and a shift in species ranges.

More information will follow in future Conservation Corner articles. If you'd like to read more, I have a link to the Climate Change Field Guide for Northern Wisconsin Forests on our website: forestcountylandandwater.org.



The Imperfect Christmas Angel



By Mike Monte

They were considered a bit of an odd couple. He was a big and burly Irishman, who was known to imbibe a bit much and would never back down from a fight. In spite of what some considered his shortcomings, he was also an intelligent man and not afraid to work.

She was a girl who came from German parentage, and the first of the family to be born in America. She was quite pretty with a slight trace of a German accent picked up from her parents, along with a tendency to be a bit too frugal. Her parents were not happy with her union to the Irishman, but eventually went along with her wishes.

The young couple, now with a small daughter, found themselves in a northern Wisconsin sawmill town. The move from Milwaukee was made because there appeared to be an opportunity working for the big mill in the company town. A man chaser had promised her husband that the company would teach him the sawmill business. The money wasn't great, but there was a decent company house furnished along with electric lights and wood for the cooking and heating stoves, both at a nominal cost. The small town life appealed to both of them, and her husband had learned lumber grading and moved up a bit in ranking and a little bit in the pay scale.

Christmas was coming. This was a bigger holiday for the wife due to her Germanic upbringing, although the Irishman enjoyed it as well. The small family had a Christmas tree and some decorations, but there were new electric lights available this year for Christmas trees, and the wife yearned for them. She was also a bit sad that they didn't have enough glass and porcelain ornaments for the tree. Germans invented the Christmas tree, and her parents had ornaments hanging in multiples from every limb of their Christmas trees. This was the Christmas season that caused her to lose her frugality.

All employees had credit at the company store. The bill was paid by taking the amount owed out of the next paycheck. While shopping for groceries at the store, she wandered by the area that held a prominent display of Christmas tree ornaments, along with strings of electric lights. These days we may say she lost control. When she left, the bill for the groceries was dwarfed by the ten dollar

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Oconto County snowmobile trails open Friday, December 20th

Oconto County snowmobile clubs and volunteers have worked tirelessly to get the Northern Oconto County Snowmobile Trails cleaned up, groomed and ready for your snowmobiling enjoyment.

There are a few sections of trail that are not open. The southern trails remain closed as the majority of those trails are on Ag land that have not been harvested or swamps that have not frozen over.

The nine snowmobile clubs in Oconto County work together with the Oconto County Forest Administrator, who gives the final approval before trails may open. Once the southern trails are approved to open, the announcement will appear on the official Oconto County Trail Report web page <https://www.ocontocounty.org/trail-reports/>. For your own safety, and that of the club groomers and volunteers-please stay off the southern trails. Do not ride on closed trails.

For more information, please contact the Oconto County website or the Forest and Parks Department at 920-834-6995.

Forest Service trails open

RHINELANDER, Wis. (December 16, 2019)- Winter recreation trails on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will be officially be opened and ready for skiers on December 16, 2019.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest offers 20 cross-country ski trails. These trails include numerous loops of varying distances providing an opportunity for skiers of all experience levels. The trails are packed, groomed and have tracks set on a regular basis by either the Forest Service or through agreements with local ski clubs and other entities.

"We have trails for all different abilities-short loops for those learning to ski to longer more difficult trails. We also have trails that are dual use and are open for fat tire bikes to use," said Vetter.

Each week throughout the winter recreation season, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will be posting a weekly Cross-Country Ski Report with the latest conditions on the trails. This report can be found at <http://go.usa.gov/FKvG>.

Many of our recreation areas on the National Forest charge a recreation user fee for use of the trails and associated facilities. The user fee at many of the trailheads is \$5.00 and may be obtained at the trailhead using a self-registration envelope. You can also purchase a Forest Service annual pass at many local vendors or at Forest Service Offices. The Forest Service annual pass is

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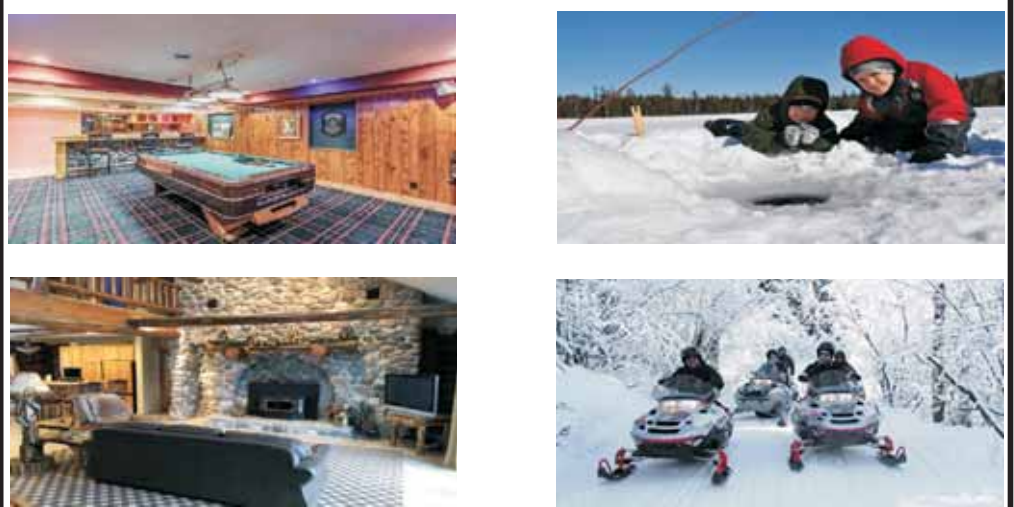
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The Christmas Angel Cont. from pg. 1

addition to the bill for Christmas ornaments. She hurried home to add her new purchases to the family tree.

Her husband came home after a trying day at work. She was very proud of her completed Christmas tree. It lit up the corner of the living room and added cheer to the whole house. Unfortunately, her Irishman, while shocked at the sight of the beautiful tree, lost his Irish temper when she told him she had charged the ornaments and the lights at the company store. Swinging his arms while shouting about the expense, he knocked down her favorite ornament. The porcelain Christmas angel, with extended wings, hit the floor with sickening breaking sound. She now had a one-winged angel and a husband who felt more than a little contrite when he saw the sad look on her face. After apologies and some hugs and kisses, he tried to make up for his rash behavior by gluing the wing back on the hapless angel. The glue worked, but those hands that handled lumber so well didn't work that well on delicate work. The angel was to continue on its job bringing Christmas cheer from that time on with a slightly crooked wing.

Maybe things like breaking the angel happen for a reason. For all the Christmases that followed, there was always the story of how the poor angel had a crooked wing. The tense moment of the past now became a story that brought laughs to the small family and guests who inquired about the crooked-winged angel. Their daughter loved the story, and it became her favorite Christmas ornament.

Bad luck hit this happy family. The Irishman was on his way to check out the grading skills of some new people who were developing their eye for separating the better and more profitable grades of boards. While passing through the log yard an unexplained and unusual event occurred. A large hard maple log on top of one of the log decks decided that it was time to roll down the face of the log pile just as the Irishman was walking by. He had a large funeral, as he was well liked by all of the employees and the management of the sawmill.

The wife and daughter were now faced with a calamity besides the loss of the husband and the father. They were living in a company house, had no income, and certainly no more credit at the company store. A letter was written to her family in Milwaukee explaining that she may have to move back and would need the charity of family members until she could find work and be self-supporting. Then an event took place in the company office. One of the bookkeepers was found to have been helping himself to some of the cash that should have been placed in the company safe. He was quickly booted out and hurriedly left the company town, never to be seen again.

An office worker had a bright idea. He suggested that the newly widowed German lady be brought into the office. She was very literate and had watched her work with numbers at a social event he had been involved in. "Bring her in" was the reply.

The new job was a godsend to the widow. She not only took to the work with gusto, but being busy took her



mind off of her loss, and she didn't have the financial stress that would have come. In fact, she was so good at her job, that she soon found herself making more money than her husband did in the mill. The mill management wondered how they had ever run the office without her.

Each Christmas was a poignant time when the tree was decorated. The crooked-winged angel was always hung with ceremony, and a remembrance of the husband and father was had with joy and tears.

Being a frugal woman, she had saved enough money to send her daughter to Stevens Point Normal school when she graduated high school. The house was lonesome without the daughter, but there were friends who visited, community events, and life went on. The daughter came home for Christmas, of course, the crooked-winged angel was always the cause for laughter and tears.

One Christmas, the daughter brought home what was to be a new member of the family. Her boyfriend loved the story of the angel with the crooked wing and was impressed with the other ornaments that had been bought at the company store years ago.

The wedding was held in the bride's hometown, and the other good news was that both of the newlyweds had been given teaching jobs in a town just a few miles away from the bride's mother. All went well until the tuberculosis epidemic that swept the country in the late 1920's and early 1930's. The daughter was amazed at how frugal her mother had been when cleaning out the company house that she had finished her life in. Much of the late mother's belongings were given to neighbors, but the well-worn box of Christmas tree ornaments left with the mourning daughter.

When old enough, her son was told the story of the angel and the box of ornaments and how his overly-frugal grandmother had been seized by the Christmas Spirit and charged their purchase at the company store. It was a continuation of the Christmas tradition.

The Great Depression brought much sorrow to the nation. A shortened budget caused the husband to lose his teaching job, and with money short, Christmas was to be celebrated with a meager budget. It wasn't the happy time that most families looked forward to, and the young couple and their son were a bit sad-faced, but the Christmas tree was up, and it was time for the decorations to be placed. Grandma's ornament box came out to finish decorating the tree, and the mood in the room changed. The bright bulbs were placed on the tree where a hole needed filling, and then the deformed angel was unwrapped. The mother looked at it and was filled with hope. She recounted again the story of the poorly glued wing, and told her husband and son that Grandma had

been through some tough times and did fine, and we can too. The angel was placed in the center of the tree, which was always the spot where he spent Christmas, and cheer returned to the new family.

Time, as it always does, passed, and the young family wasn't so young anymore. The son they had enjoyed so much was now in the Army, and he wouldn't be home for Christmas. He was in Korea, and while it was towards the end of the conflict, there were still casualties. They hoped and prayed he wouldn't be on the list of those who came home in a coffin. Then the telegraph came. The treasured son wasn't dead, but he was wounded, and he would be home for Christmas. He had lost a leg to a land mine. He was in transit, and would be given leave from the nearby veteran's hospital to spend Christmas at home, after which he would return to the hospital, and after a proper time healing, would be given a prosthetic leg.

It was a sad young man who was picked up at the vet's hospital and brought home. But, home did cheer him up a bit. He wasn't much help decorating the tree. On crutches, he couldn't reach up to place ornaments, and had to settle for putting the bulbs on at about shoulder level. Then his mother gave him the angel with the crooked wing, and explained that it was his turn to place this ornament. When he was placing the ornament, his mother repeated the story of the broken angel, and while he had heard the story numerous times growing up, the story did improve his spirit. The thought went through his mind that if previous generations of his family had faced adversity and were successful at living through it, so could he.

The college student who limped to class in the 1950's earned his degree and went on to have a successful career. In time, the box of ornaments bought by his frugal grandmother in spite of her tight-fisted personality came under his care. The electric lights Grandma had bought had long been replaced, and some of the glass bulbs had been accidentally dropped and shattered, but the big porcelain angel with the crooked wing was still wrapped in tissue and awaited its placement on the family Christmas tree, along with the story.

In time, the ornaments and the imperfect angel, along with the family story, was passed to the next generations. The angel and the story helped the family through the years of the Viet Nam War, the recession of the 1980's, the conflicts in the Middle East and the last deep recession in 2008, along with other family calamities.

The crooked-winged angel waits patiently in his box to thrill members of the family, especially those who have reached the age to appreciate story, and to help the family through rough times, always bringing forth the Christmas Spirit in them and reminding members of the family that tough times don't last forever, and family history is worth remembering.

Thank You's and Personals

We thank you

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THANK YOU

Thank you for your prayers and cards of support.

The family of Blanche McNulty

Senior Chatter

An obvious sign of scams: payment in gift cards

Recently, a resident of Wisconsin received a threatening call from someone saying he was from the Social Security Administration. The resident was told there was a warrant out for her arrest, and that she needed to cooperate or she would be arrested. He told her exactly how many minutes away the local Dollar General store was from her house, which is where he told her to buy \$200 worth of eBay gift cards. The caller then instructed her to give him the redemption codes on the gift cards. The resident was obviously scared, and complied. After she met this first demand, the caller told her she needed to get another \$500 worth of gift cards to get out of trouble. Luckily, on her drive back to the store, she realized this may be a scam and went to the sheriff's office instead.

Gift cards have become a popular way for scammers to steal money because they are nearly as untraceable as cash and are much more transferable. In previous scams, imposters would ask you to wire money to them but, increasingly, they tell you to go put money on a gift card.

How the scams work

The caller will often tell you to go buy a popular gift card from iTunes, Google Play, Amazon, or in the case above, eBay. The caller will tell you to get the card at a particular store near you such as Walmart, Target, Walgreens, CVS, or a dollar store. They may even have you buy several cards at several stores. Sometimes, the caller will stay on the phone with you while you go to the store. Once you buy the card, the caller will demand the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the caller immediately get the money loaded onto the card. Once the caller has those numbers, the money is gone, and usually without a trace.

Examples of the types of callers

- Someone may claim to be from the Social Security Administration, telling you that you owe money and if you fail to pay you risk losing your monthly benefit check.
- A caller may pretend to be from law enforcement, a court, or an attorney's office, threatening arrest, court appearance, or bailing a family member out of jail.
- Someone might call you and claim to be from the IRS, collecting back taxes or fines.
- The callers might say they're from tech support, asking for money to fix your computer. They may try to tell you that they've detected a virus on your computer that they will help you remove.
- Someone might even say he or she is a family member with an emergency and needs money right now.
- Callers pretend to be from a utility company, telling you to pay your bill by gift card or they'll cut off your power or water.
- Sellers on online auction sites who ask for gift cards will ask to "buy" big items like cars, motorcycles, boats, RVs, tractors and electronics.
- Someone may pose as a servicemember to get your sympathy, saying he has to sell something quickly before deployment and needs you to pay by gift card.
- Callers will say you've won a so-called prize for a sweepstakes you probably never entered but first you have to use a gift card to pay fees or other charges.
- A caller may buy something from you, probably

In loving memory

Christmas in heaven

What do they do? They come down to earth to spend it with you – so save them a seat, just one empty chair – you may not see them but they will be there!

In loving memory of our father, brother and grandfather, Joe "PaPa" and Thomas "Franky" Gryczkowski.

Linda, Joe, Ray, Deb and grandchildren

Price. The caller will then ask you to give them the difference on a gift card, and the check will bounce.

What all of these callers have in common is an urgent need for you to send money right away. The most important takeaway? Gift cards are not used and cannot be used to pay bail, taxes or court fines. Gift cards are just that gifts.

What if you paid a scammer with a gift card?

If you paid a scammer with a gift card, tell the company that issued the card right away. When you contact the company, tell them the gift card was used in a scam. Ask them if they can refund your money. If you act quickly enough, the company might be able to get your money back. Also, tell the store where you bought the gift card as soon as possible. In the case above, the EBS helped the client notify the Dollar General store, which agreed to educate employees about these scams. You can also do the following:

- Tell the Federal Trade Commission about any type of scam or fraud you detect at ftc.gov/complaint, or call toll-free: 1-877-FTC-HELP.
- Report it to your state Attorney General (for a list of state offices, visit naag.org).

From

FTC:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/paying-scammers-gift-cards>

From AARP: <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/gift-card-fraud.html>

Forest County Commission on Aging

Nutrition Program

SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Dec. 23 - No Meal Christmas Week

Monday - Dec. 30 - Chicken marsala, parsley potato, green beans, fruit, biscuit, ice cream

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Dec. 24 - No Meal Christmas Week

Tuesday - Dec. 31 - Beef stew with potatoes, onion and celery, fruit, wheat bread, peach crisp

CRANDON, LAONA

Wednesday - Dec. 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS - No meal

WABENO CONGREGATE

Thursday - Dec. 26 - No Meal Christmas Week

ALVIN

Thursday - Dec. 26 - No Meal Christmas Week

JARS

Wednesday - Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas

Thursday - Dec 26 - 1) Smothered pork chops over rice, steamed vegetable blend, applesauce, whole wheat roll, peach cobbler and milk

2) Taco salad (lettuce, spring mix, black beans, tomatoes, onions, black olives, crushed Doritos, shredded cheese, hamburger taco meat, salsa and sour cream), whole wheat roll, peach cobbler and milk

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.

JARS - 4863 Elm St., Laona, WI 54541. Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m. On Wednesday. Site Manager is Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116.

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 Wednesday.

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen 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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- 2017 Chevy Impala LT - Low Miles, \$16,680
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- 2011 Toyota Camry LE- 159K Miles, Nice Runner!
- 2011 Ford F150 Ext. Cab - 4x4, 55K Miles, \$16,995
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FOREST COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING



Bus Schedule

For reservations please call the bus driver for that day.

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Pam Blank: 715-784-1079

Forest County Office on Aging provides transportation to residents 55+ and the disabled. Bus route trip stops may include Aldi's, Crandon Library, Schaefer's and other area businesses including doctor appointments.

ArtStart - Call for Community Artists

ArtStart is hosting its annual Free for Wall Community Art Exhibition January 23 through February 8, 2020. This exhibition allows amateur and professional artists in our geographic area to participate in this non-juried group exhibition.

Original art of any medium that is ready to be wall-mounted is acceptable. Due to space constraints, we ask that pieces be no larger than 24" x 48". Artists may drop off their work at ArtStart, 68 S Stevens Street, Rhinelander, on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, January 15, 16 and 17 between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Artists name, phone number should be on the back of the artwork. Submissions will not be accepted after 4:30 pm on Friday January 17.

ArtStart is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization located in the historic Federal Building in downtown Rhinelander with a mission to strengthen the community through arts education and cultural engagement.

For more information, contact ArtStart by phone 715-362-4328, email info@artstarthineland.org, or visit ArtStart's Facebook or website www.artstarthineland.org.

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"Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" holiday campaign begins Friday - runs through January 1

To discourage impaired driving and enhance public safety, law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers and for longer hours during the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" holiday campaign that begins Friday, December 13 and continues through New Year's Day. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) uses federal funds to support stepped-up law enforcement efforts along with public education and outreach to help deter impaired driving.

"This annual initiative combines federal, state and local resources to raise public awareness about the dangers of impaired driving and helps prevent needless tragedies along our roadways," WisDOT Secretary-designee Craig Thompson said. "We want everyone to have a safe, enjoyable holiday. Motorists can do their part by buckling up, driving sober and avoiding distractions."

In 2018, alcohol-related crashes in Wisconsin resulted in 160 deaths and more than 3,000 injuries. Also last year, there were nearly 23,000 OWI convictions in Wisconsin. While alcohol-impaired driving remains a concern, Wisconsin and many states see a growing challenge with drugged drivers - people whose ability to safely operate a motor vehicle is compromised by drugs including prescription or over-the-counter medications and illegal narcotics. To combat the problem, Wisconsin currently has:

- 23 multi-jurisdictional, high-visibility OWI enforcement task forces that operate year-round across the state.
- Nearly 6,000 law enforcement officers trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) to help detect and remove impaired drivers from roadways.
- 301 highly-trained Drug Recognition Experts - among the most in the nation.

How citizens can help:

- If you suspect a driver of being impaired, call 911. Be prepared to provide as much detail as possible about the driver, vehicle and location.
- If you plan to celebrate, identify a sober designated driver. Never allow someone else to get behind the wheel impaired.
- Download the free "Drive Sober" mobile app from the WisDOT website. It includes a "find a ride" feature to help locate transportation alternatives.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons a safe ride home. Visit www.tlw.org/ and click on "Safe Ride."

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 The Laona State Bank is now accepting sealed bids on the following vehicles:
• 2014 Honda TRX450ER ATV
 Sealed bids will be accepted from December 6, 2019-December 27, 2019. Minimum bid is \$1,500. All sealed bids must be in writing. Bids may be mailed or dropped off at the Crandon-Lake Ave. branch.
 Deadline for all bids is Monday, December 27, 2019 by 4 p.m. At the Crandon-Lake Ave. branch.
 For additional information, please contact Michiel Irish at (715) 478-5800 or email michieli@laonastatebank.com. **FDIC**

School District of Wabeno Area Strategic Planning Invitation

The School District of Wabeno Area invites any residents who live within the district boundaries to our Strategic Planning community Input night on January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria of the Jr./Sr. High school. This will be an opportunity to have input into the future goals of the school district.
 For those planning to attend, please RSVP to the District Office by January 10, 2020. This is to give us an estimate for the meeting so we can plan on seating and snacks for the night. You can reach the District Office at 715-473-2592 ext. 4502.
 Thank you in advance for having an interest in the planning for our district's future.

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\$20/vehicle sticker. The passes are valid from April 1 to March 31 of the following year. If you have, and display, an interagency pass (senior, military or access) in your windshield or in the hangtag holder, your use of the facilities and trails are free of charge.
 "The money the Forest collects from the use fees comes back to the forest," said Vetter. "This money is used to operate and maintain our facilities and trails for visitors to enjoy."
 In addition to the ski trails, the Forest has a few other recreation areas open during the winter for hiking, fat tire biking, sledding, and snowshoeing, as well as to provide parking and access to snowmobile trails in the area. For a complete list of recreation sites and their status please visit <http://go.usa.gov/FKwW>.
 Many snowmobile trails have not opened due to lakes, wet areas and trail treads not being frozen so the conditions are not safe yet. As well, please be vigilant when you are out in the forest we have many active timber sales, so be aware of logging operations.

Baldwin gets increase in funding for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, successfully secured \$320 million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for Fiscal Year 2020, an increase of \$20 million from FY19. The increased investment in GLRI is included in the government funding agreement that will be voted on in Congress this week.
 "Investments in the Great Lakes are an investment in the future of Wisconsin's economy. I am proud to have worked in a bipartisan way to increase funding for our Great Lakes," said Senator Baldwin. "The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has earned bipartisan support and is critical for the health of our region, our communities, and our clean water resources. It helps us clean up polluted sites, restore water quality and combat invasive species. Preserving the Great Lakes is not just an environmental goal - it is an economic necessity for Wisconsin."
 Since its inception, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has tripled the successful cleanup and delisting of Areas of Concern, reduced phosphorus runoff and the threat of harmful algal blooms, controlled and stopped the advancement of invasive species, and restored wildlife habitat over thousands of miles of rivers and waterways. Since 2010, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has provided more than \$2.5 billion to fund 4,706 projects throughout the Great Lakes region.
 Senator Baldwin has long been a champion of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. In July, Senator Baldwin, a member of the bipartisan Senate Great Lakes Task Force, introduced the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2019 to re-authorize and expand funding for the Great Lakes.

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Dec. 23-27
Monday - No school
Tuesday - No school
Wednesday - No school
Thursday - No school
Friday - No school

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Dec. 23-27
Monday - No school
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Wednesday - No school
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Is Food a Problem for You? Check out Overeaters Anonymous
 Meetings held every Thursday in Crandon at Associated Bank, 210 S. Lake Ave., from 4:15-5:15 p.m. Contact Debra at 715-784-0031.

EQUIPMENT BIDS

The School District of Laona has two pieces of equipment for sale. If you are interested in placing a bid on either piece, please send your bid by January 10, 2020 to:
 School District of Laona
 Attn: Equipment Bid
 5216 Forest Ave Suite A
 Laona, WI 54541
 Equipment #1 Powermatic Planer Model 160 (16" wide and opens 6" 3 phase motor)
 Equipment #2 Carlisle Portable Salad Bar (non-refrigerated)
 Please label your bid either "Planer" or "Salad Bar" when submitting it. If you would like to view any of the equipment, contact Tiffany Pakulski at (715) 674-2143 ext. 203. Any bids received will be opened at the January 13th board meeting.

Mason Mullins to play in the Baseball Factory Winter Classic



In September, Mason Mullins participated in the Under Armour Baseball Factory National Tryouts. Based on his performance, he was selected to participate in the Baseball Factory Winter Classic in Vero Beach, Florida at the end of December.
 He will get to train with some of the top baseball coaches in the country. He will also be playing against other outstanding baseball players from across the U.S., giving him valuable national competition. This is a great experience, and will be a once in a lifetime opportunity.
 Congratulations and best wishes to Mason in Florida!



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 715-219-6363.
- **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 Hwy 55, Pickerel - Sunday: 8 a.m. Bible Class, 9 a.m. Worship; Wednesday: 4-4:30 p.m. After School Program; Children's Service, Sunday, December 22nd at 9 a.m., Christmas Eve Worship 5:30 p.m., Christmas Day Worship 9 a.m. Call 715-484-3382 for more information.
- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (LCMS)**- 1507 N Lake Ave, Crandon, Sunday Service 9:30 a.m. 715-478-3555.
- **St John Lutheran Church (LCMS)** - 5502 Beech Street, Laona, Sunday Service at 8:00 a.m. 715-674-3836.
- **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 Lutheran (WELS)** - 501 N Park Ave, Crandon. Sunday worship at 9:15am. 715-478-5620 NorthwoodsLutheran.org
- **Christ Lutheran (WELS)** - 9139 S Main St, Hiles. Sunday worship at 7:45am. 715-478-5620 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.gospelmissionfellowshipccg.org
- **Upper Room Church** - 18805 State Highway 32, Townsend, Prayer 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10 a.m., Bible Study 10 a.m. Tuesday. 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. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Living Faith Church of God** - 202 S. Hazeldell, Crandon. Services Sunday at 4 p.m. & Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- **The Pickerel Area Community Christmas luncheon** will be held on Thursday December 12, 2019 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pickerel at noon. Bring a dish to pass. Bingo players need to bring two prizes.
- **Town of Wabeno** has set the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. to hold Town Board Meetings.
- **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 Wednesday - Friday, 2 to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 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. at Ducks for Oct, Nov., Dec. and Jan.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Nashville Town Hall Craft & Flea Market**, located at Hwy 55 and B, south of Crandon, will be closed until spring 2020.
- **Forest County ATV Association** - Monthly meeting the second Saturday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Laona Senior Community Building, back entrance.

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.



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House of Representatives approves Baldwin's bipartisan reform to lower prescription drug costs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's bipartisan FAIR Drug Pricing Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives. This bipartisan reform takes the first step in addressing skyrocketing prescription drug prices by requiring transparency for pharmaceutical corporations that plan to increase drug prices. Baldwin's legislation was included in H.R.3, The Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act, which passed the House by a vote of 230-192.

"For too long, I've heard story after story from Wisconsinites who are struggling to afford the life-saving medications they need. Drug corporations are making prescription drugs more expensive with no systematic transparency to taxpayers," said Senator Baldwin. "Today is a major step forward for my bipartisan reform, and brings us one step closer to holding drug companies accountable for jacking up the prices on medications that Americans need. Now, I am calling on the Senate to take action so we can take on the rising costs of medicine people depend on, and bring relief to American families."

In 2019, on average, drug prices have increased at five times the rate of inflation. AbbVie has increased the price of the top-selling anti-inflammatory drug, Humira, by almost 250 percent in the past five years to nearly \$40,000.

Pfizer regularly increases the price of its drugs - often twice a year. In 2017, Pfizer raised drug prices twice by an average of 20 percent for more than 90 drugs.

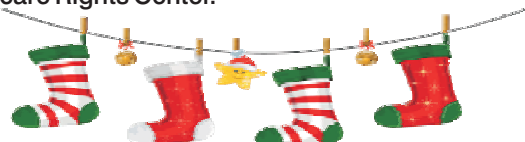
Meanwhile, American taxpayers continue to pay more each year because of the rising costs of drugs. Medicare spent nearly \$130 billion on prescription drugs in 2016, and Medicare's portion of U.S. national drug spending has increased from 18 percent in 2006 to 30 percent in 2017.

The Fair Accountability and Innovative Research (FAIR) Drug Pricing Act, which Baldwin introduced in May with Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), and Tina Smith (D-MN), would require drug manufacturers to disclose and provide more information about planned drug price increases, including research and development costs. Increased transparency will help provide much-needed context for taxpayers, consumers and policymakers about the costs and value of medications, and may also incentivize companies to reassess the long-standing practice of relentless drug price increases.

Specifically, the FAIR Drug Pricing Act would require drug manufacturers to notify the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and submit a transparency and justification report 30 days before they increase the price of certain drugs that cost at least \$100 by more than 10 percent in one year or 25 percent over three

years. The report will require manufacturers to provide a justification for each price increase, manufacturing, research and development costs for the qualifying drug, net profits attributable to the qualifying drug, marketing and advertising spending on the qualifying drug, and other information as deemed appropriate. The bill will not prohibit manufacturers from increasing prices, but it will, for the first time, give taxpayers notice of price increases and bring basic transparency to the market for prescription drugs.

This reform is supported by AARP, Campaign for Sustainable Rx Pricing, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Patients For Affordable Drugs, American College of Physicians (ACP), American Academy of Neurology, Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, Kaiser Permanente, 340B Health, The Medicare Rights Center, Families USA, Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., Marshfield Clinic Health System, Security Health Plan, Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP), Public Citizen, National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Alliance for Retired Americans, and Medicare Rights Center.



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All interested parties must file a new job application to be given consideration.

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on January 7, 2020.

By Order of the Forest County Highway Commissioner
Bill Anderson, Highway Commissioner

HELP WANTED - TOWN OF ARGONNE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Town of Argonne is seeking a road maintenance worker whose duties will include, but not limited to road repair, snow plowing and grass mowing. Must have knowledge of general maintenance requirements and CDL for heavy equipment, especially for road grader.

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findings in Wisconsin and around the nation.

"The R3 Grant programs are grounded in the basic idea that novice hunters and anglers need someone to teach skills and share knowledge with them," says Emily Iehl, WDNR Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation Coordinator. "For those who do not have access to friends or family members who can teach them about hunting or fishing, we need to provide alternative pathways for learning. DNR's Hunt for Food and Fishing for Dinner programs are great examples of programs that are effective at reaching audiences who want to learn to hunt or fish, but have no one to teach them how. We're looking to expand programs like Hunt for Food and Fishing for Dinner, and encourage other projects that will effectively increase the number of hunters and anglers in Wisconsin."

To learn more about this new R3 grant opportunity for hunting, contact Emily Iehl at 608 445 8168, emily.iehl@wisconsin.gov. For fishing, contact Theresa Stabo at 608-577-6332, theresa.stabo@wisconsin.gov.

Tavern League donates to Pickerel Fire & Rescue



Forest County Tavern League donation of \$250 to the Pickerel Volunteer Fire and Rescue with matching state donation. Pictured are Dave St. John, Lynn Verhagen and the volunteers.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOREST COUNTY FORESTRY ADMINISTRATOR

Forest County is currently accepting applications for the full-time position of Forestry Administrator. This position is full time, forty (40) hours per week. The Forestry Administrator will work under the direction of the Forestry and Recreation Committee.

Applicants must have experience in and knowledge of forest conservation, laws, codes, and regulations affecting departmental operations, reforestation and forest management principles, working knowledge of office management and record keeping, plan, assign and supervise the work of others and the ability to establish and maintain good working relationships with governmental officials, employees and the public. Educational requirements: Bachelor Degree of Science in Forestry.

Application materials, including the position description and summary of benefits may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520 or by calling (715) 478-2422. The deadline for applications and resumes returned to the County Clerk is Friday, January 3, 2020, by 4:30 p.m.

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The top photo shows the top of Pooler's Barber Shop, the Arcade, and the now gone Park Hotel. The center photo has no identifiable landmarks, but the bottom photo was taken near Duck's Bar, looking south. The old Sparks grocery is visible on the right and what is now the Pioneer building next in line. Walking on the sidewalks had to be an experience!



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DNR again is making \$200,000 in Wildlife Restoration funds (Pittman-Robertson) available to local clubs, organizations, communities, individuals, governments, tribes, and colleges and universities with proven and new ideas to recruit and retain safe, ethical hunters. Similarly, \$75,000 is available through the Sport Fish Restoration (Dingell-Johnson) fund for angler recruitment, retention and reactivation.

The state may reimburse grant recipients up to 75% of the total eligible project costs. No grant advances are possible. Preference will be given to projects that seek to increase diversity in the hunter and angler populations (i.e. projects intending to increase the number of adults, families, women, and/or minorities participating in hunting and fishing). Preference will also be given to projects that incorporate a plan to evaluate the outcomes of the project (i.e. projects that can provide evidence of reaching audiences who would not otherwise have had an opportunity to hunt or fish; or of providing a needed step in the process of learning to hunt or fish to which the participants would not normally have had access).

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 - Rusty's, 50
 - Bruce's Misteaks, 49
 - Splits N Giggles, 47
 - Cassidy's Café, 44
 - Ind. High Game Ruth Pemma, 190
 - Betty Jo Keeble, 182
 - Lisa Mermuys, 171
 - Agnes Brown, 171
 - Ind. Handicap Game Ruth Pemma, 240
 - Betty Jo Keeble, 215
 - Oopie Shepard, 212
 - Ind. High Series Agnes Brown, 482
 - Cassie Alloway, 471
 - Kris Anderson, 463
 - Ind. Handicap Series Ruth Pemma, 594
 - Cassie Alloway, 585
 - Oopie Shepard, 581
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 - "R" Place, 618
 - Splits N Giggles, 572
 - Team Handicap Game Cassidy's Café, 812
 - "R" Place, 796
 - Splits N Giggles, 740
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 - Whitetail Logging, 1681
 - Splits N Giggles, 1648
 - Team Handicap Series "R" Place, 2234
 - Cassidy's Café, 2152
 - Splits N Giggles, 2152
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Death Notices

David Joseph Hobbs

passed away on December 14, 2019 at Friendly Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Rhinelander, Wisconsin at the age of 65.



David was born on April 9, 1954 to Gordon and Elmyra (Schimek) Hobbs. He lived in Crandon all his life, graduating from Crandon High School in 1971. He continued studying at the school in a transitional program until 1973. He then attended Headwaters Vocational Programs in Rhinelander until 2014. David worked at Horizons Healthcare until 2003.

David had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh over a good story or a joke with his family and friends. Some of his favorite memories were made on camping road trips with his mom and dad. He enjoyed spending time at his brother, Mike's farm, riding the tractor and watching the cows.

David's interests were wide and deep. He was a painter, a photographer, and a very passionate scrapbooker. His love of country music led him to take guitar lessons and it made him a regular at the Hodag Festival for many years.

Dave was a spirited sports fan. He never missed watching a Packer game or NASCAR race. Many will remember seeing Dave in the Brush Run barn during race weekends. Of all the teams in the world, the Crandon Cardinals would always be his favorite. He was an athlete in the Special Olympics, competing in a variety of running events. David was an active member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church where he served as an usher for Saturday evening Mass.

Dave is survived by his sister, Kathleen Taft; his sister-in-law, Nancy Hobbs; and his brother-in-law, Chuck Wilbur. "Uncle Dave" is further survived by his many nieces and nephews, and their families.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his sister, Margaret Wilbur; and brother, Mike Hobbs.

Dave loved life and our lives have been enriched by his sunny disposition and his kindness.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crandon, on Friday, December 20, 2019. Visitation will be held from 9:30 until the time of Funeral Mass with Father Callistus Elue officiating. David will be laid to rest at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at

Kay M. (Champine) Kammerer

76, of Crandon, WI passed away Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Langlade Memorial Hospital in Antigo, WI. Kay was born March 15, 1943 in Laona, the daughter of Harry and Mildred (Wendt) Champine.



Kay graduated from Crandon High School in 1961 and worked as a machine operator at Bemis Manufacturing in Crandon and Sheboygan until her retirement. She enjoyed sketching, making her flower gardens beautiful, playing Rap 31, crocheting afghans for each of her grandchildren and listening to Elvis. She was surely Elvis's #1 fan.

Kay was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. She was very proud of her family and each of her grandchildren, their spouses and great-grandchildren. Her favorite time of year was Christmas. She loved the holidays and family-get-togethers; any chance to spend time with her family was important to her. She would often whip up a batch of lasagna to bring her family together. She also proudly carried on the tradition of Grandma Millie's baked beans and brought them to all the family gatherings.

Surviving Kay are her sons/daughter-in-laws, Allen (Brenda) Flannery of Crandon, Randy (Heidi) Flannery of Marshfield, Perry (Marsha) Flannery of Argonne and Tim (Polly) Flannery of Crandon; 11 grandchildren, Aaron, Amanda, Ashley, Bo, Brianna, Caylee, Cody, Dustin, Hanna, Lynsey, and Mikayla; and 9 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Mary (Posie) Champine of Crandon; and a brother, Keith (Shirley) Champine of Wyoming. She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father, Harry Champine; her mother, Mildred (Wendt) Champine; and brothers, Kermit Champine and Doug Champine.

The family would like to thank our mom's neighbor and friend, Joyce, for helping her during the past months; the Crandon Rescue Squad; the staff at Langlade Memorial Hospital for the care they provided; Pastor Pappenfuss/St. Paul's Lutheran Church; and Weber-Hill Funeral Home.

Memorial Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Crandon with Pastor Sam Pappenfuss 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.

Eleanor G. Dixon

97, of Argonne, WI passed away Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the Rennes Health and Rehab Center in Rhinelander. Eleanor was born November 11, 1922 in Graceville, MN, the daughter of George and Julia (Swanberg) Erickson. She was united in marriage in September of 1979 in Markeson, WI to William Dixon Sr. and he predeceased her in death July 22, 2009.



Surviving Eleanor are her daughter, Susan (David) Selby of Phelps; sons, Tom (Charlotte) Chariton of Sugar Camp and Jack (Denise) Chariton of Rhinelander; daughter-in-law, Mary Ellen Chariton of McAllen, TX; seven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William; sons, Gary and Larry Chariton; sisters, Florence and Doris.

Eleanor lived the first half of her life in Rhinelander and was a Red Cross volunteer during World War II. She held various jobs over the years, including retail sales at DeByles, but her primary focus was being a supportive wife and a loving and attentive mother to her 5 children. Later in life she relocated to Argonne and became a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Eleanor had a strong spirit and maintained a positive outlook through good times and bad; a trait that made her a joy to be around.

Eleanor's family thanks the staff at Rennes for their wonderful care during her residence there and their personal concern during her last days.

Private services were held. Burial and a celebration of life with family and friends will be held in the spring.

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

Clifford "Beef" Fox,

"gaag inini", "Porcupine", 76, of Crandon, WI passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at his home surround by his family. Beef was born September 20, 1943 in Crandon, the son of Charles and Sarah (Poler) Fox.



Surviving are his sisters, Nancy Kane, Maxine Lavender, Virginia Poler, Marilyn George, Peggy Fox and Vicky Fox; brothers, Charles Fox Jr., Clayton Fox and Clinton Fox, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Maureen Fox-McGeshick-Zarda; and brothers, Chester Fox, Clement Fox, and Craig Fox.

Services will be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019 at the Waba Nun Nung Gospel Chapel with Pastor Richard Jensen officiation. Burial to follow at Mole Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Waba Nun Nung Gospel Chapel.

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

Jack Gregory

Trebtoske, age 22, of Laona, Wisconsin passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Jack was born on December 20, 1996 to Gregory and Colleen Trebtoske.



Jack could brighten up any room. He found joy in making others laugh and feeling accepted.

He could make friends with just about anyone with his charm and wit. He had a love for hockey, adventure and living in the fast lane. Jack was captured by the grips of his addiction. To some, Jack's addiction defined him - when they saw his addiction, they stopped seeing him. And what a loss for those people. Jack was hilarious, intelligent, fearless and resilient. Jack was a gift to those who knew him.

Jack is survived by his mother, Colleen (Jason) Linton; his sister, Samantha Trebtoske; grandparents, Peter Trebtoske and Donna and John Knopik; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Jack preceded in death by his father, Gregory Trebtoske; grandmother, Susannah Trebtoske; grandfather, Duane McKelvey; and aunt, Alicia Metzger.

We take comfort in knowing Jack and his father have been reunited, and are free from all the struggles of addiction. Jack and Gregory should be remembered for their beautiful hearts and joy for life. They were one and the same.

If you are struggling with addiction, know that every breath is a fresh start. It's your turn to take charge of your life. Ask for help. It's never too late.

Gathering of family and friends will be held on Monday, December 23 from 3-5 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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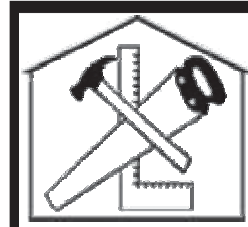
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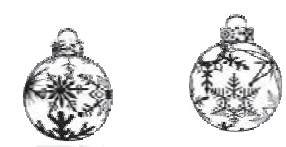
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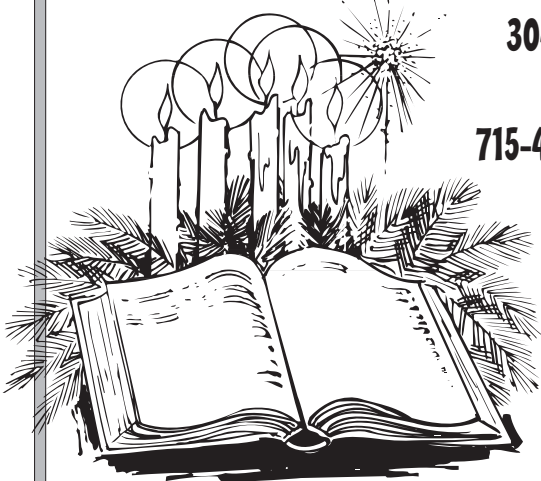
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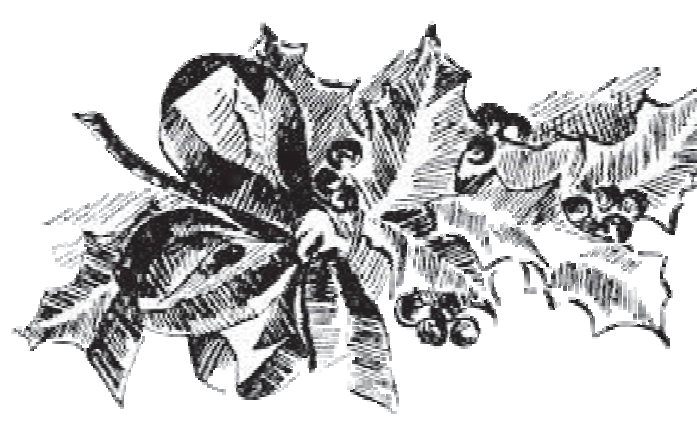
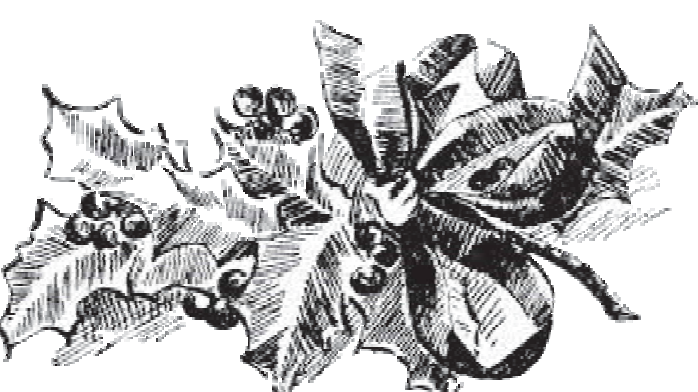
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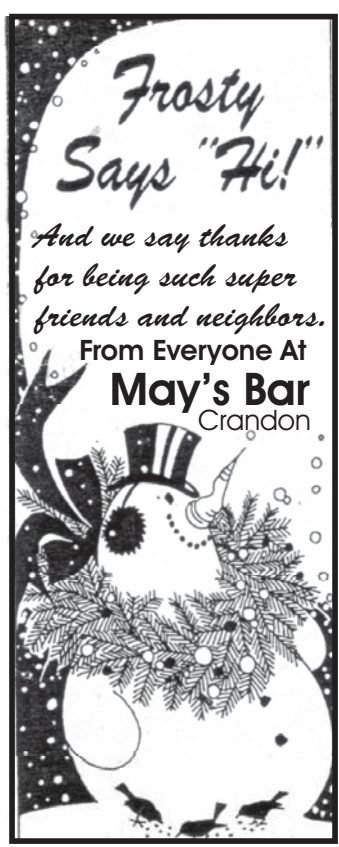
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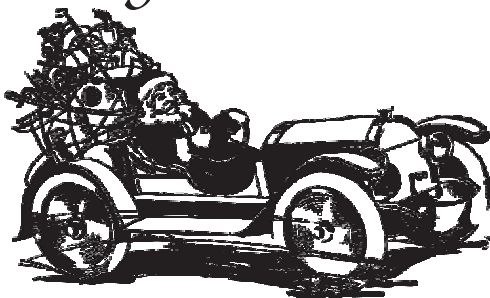
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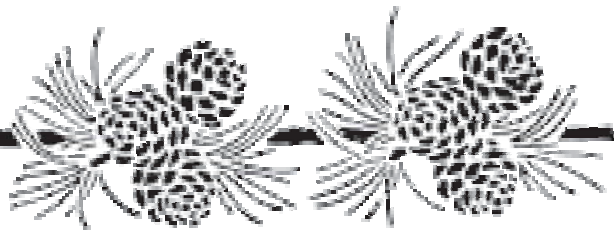
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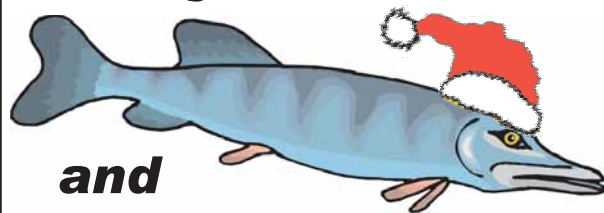
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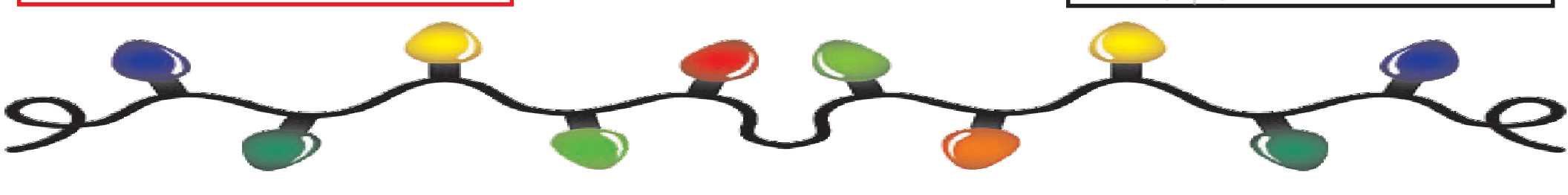
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