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**Hand-Picked Bluegrass to perform Feb. 18 at Nicolet College**



Bluegrass music was born in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1940s, drawing on several folk styles from the British Isles along with American blues and jazz. It eventually became a national favorite. Nowhere is that more obvious than in the Northwoods, where the affection for bluegrass is deep enough to make one question the music's origin story. That affection will be fed when local favorites Hand-Picked Bluegrass appear on stage in the Nicolet College Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. A Wisconsin-based group, Hand-Picked Bluegrass consists of founding member Joe Cronick on banjo and mandolin; his wife and band co-founder Sue Cronick on guitar and fiddle; Gabe Dettinger on banjo; and

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**Games Galore! At the GAC High School this Saturday**

Don't know what to do with your time on Saturday, February 8? Go to Games Galore! The Goodman-Armstrong Creek classes of 2023 and 2024 are holding a fun event at the Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School that features bingo, board games, bucket raffles, plus food and drinks.

The fun begins at 10 a.m. and will run to 1 p.m. In addition, you get your first bingo card free. And, you won't have to make lunch if you eat at the event!

Have some fun and support these two classes in their fund raising activity.

**Conservation Corner**

Contact Cassidy Neilitz, Land Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Technician at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at [lcctech@co.forest.wi.us](mailto:lcctech@co.forest.wi.us).

**PHOSPHOROUS CHALLENGE**

Phosphorous (P) is one of the most widespread pollutants of lakes and streams. High P concentrations are one of the main reasons behind algae blooms, lake eutrophication, and "dead zones." Although it is not a serious problem yet here in Northern Wisconsin, it is an issue we should avoid. Algae blooms can be toxic to animals and pets in some cases. Algae blooms have been affecting drinking water sources in Lake Winnebago and Lake Michigan.

Phosphorus is a great crop nutrient that is essential for plant growth but can turn bad as it transitions from farm fields to surface water. Although phosphorus occurs naturally in the soil, additional P is added in the form of chemical fertilizer or manure in hopes to increase crop yields.

Manure management can be a problem in different areas with concentrated livestock. This manure is not only from cattle but from all other livestock such as chickens, horses, goats, etc. The need to dispose of large quantities of manure, regardless of local crop nutrient needs and soil P levels, can cause excessive P applications to farm fields. Manure can pose direct spill and runoff risks if it is not carefully managed.

Manure storage is important to avoid runoff into our rivers and streams. The more animals you keep, the more likely it will be necessary to construct a special manure storage facility. The storage facility must be able to keep the manure from washing away and its nutrients from leaking into the ground water. It should also keep odors to a minimum.

Your Forest County Conservation Department has experienced conservationists and relationships with NRCS that can assist you with manure storage plans. We can also help you develop a Conservation Plan to solve other problems you may have identified on your farm. You may be eligible to receive financial assistance, through a state or federal program. For more information, call your Forest County Conservation Department at 715-478-1387.

**Wabeno Lions donate to Forest County Dare Program**



The Wabeno Lions recently presented the Forest County DARE Program with a generous donation to be used in county schools. DARE, which stands for "Drug Abuse Resistance Education" is a police officer led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through 12th grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence free lives.

Pictured is Sheriff John Dennee, DARE Officer John Collette, Lion Alan Harrison and DARE Officer Don Belland.

**KB Memorial Predator Hunt donates to Laona-Wabeno Youth Wrestling**



On Saturday, January 18, 90 local hunters came out to support the KB Memorial Predator Hunt. This year, the Townsend Coyote Hunters teamed up with the Laona-Wabeno Youth Wrestling Program to sponsor the event. The event had over 200 prizes from local businesses and drew out a large crowd at the Old Town Hall. The Townsend Coyote Hunters appreciate all of the local businesses for their generous donations and The Old Town Hall for being such a great host. Because of everyone's great generosity, the Townsend Coyote Hunters were able to donate over \$8,000 to the Laona-Wabeno Youth Wrestling Program.

**A Call to Artists The 1st Historic Wabeno Art Challenge**

The Friends of Wabeno, a Forest County community development nonprofit, invites area artists to the 1st Historic Wabeno Art Challenge.

The Historic Wabeno Art Challenge is open to anyone who would like to create an original piece of artwork showcasing Wabeno's history and display their art at the Wabeno Logging Museum over a two month period this summer. The art challenge is being held as part of Wabeno Art & Music Festival (WAM Fest) on Saturday August 1, 2020. There will be awards and an opportunity for artists to sell their art entry.

At this time area artists interested in participating are encouraged to apply online or pick up an application at the Wabeno Public Library. Details, applications and resources for ideas can be found at the Wabeno Art and Music Festival website: [www.WabenoArtandMusicFest.org](http://www.WabenoArtandMusicFest.org). Applications are due April 30.

Artists whose applications are accepted will bring their artwork to the Wabeno Logging Museum May 27, May 28 or May 29. From June 5 to August 1 during WAM Fest, members of the community and visitors to the Wabeno Logging Museum will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite work of art and enter a bid to purchase one or more pieces of artwork.

WAM Fest coordinator Mary Beck thinks, "This is a great opportunity for individuals or groups of artists to share their creative vision of the early years of Wabeno. Given three months to create and then two months to show and sell it, provides great exposure for the artist and provides a variety of art forms for our community and visitors to enjoy all in one location!"

The Historic Wabeno Art Challenge is designed to encourage area artists to create and share their talents and promote Wabeno's place in history in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. If you have questions, contact Mary at [mfbeck@charter.net](mailto:mfbeck@charter.net) or 608-628-0757 or send a message through the website.

**Cardinal Trap Team Predator Hunt**



The Crandon Cardinal Trap Team Predator Hunt is on Saturday, February 8. This is a fundraiser for the Crandon High Trap Team, which is a growing sport in high schools across the state, and a sport that youngsters can enjoy into adulthood.

The sign up is at Mays Bar, west of Crandon on Hwy 8, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. on February 7.

Prizes are for the largest, smallest, and the most predators. All predators must be harvested the same day of the event. There is a \$20 entry fee for the hunt.

The weigh-in will be at the Crandon Community Building from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event at the community building, and will enjoy the food, drinks and the conversation!



**Post Lake Improvement Assoc. Ice Fishing Jamboree**

The Post Lake Improvement Association will be holding their 22nd Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree on Upper and Lower Post Lake Saturday February 15. Fish from dawn till 4 p.m. when fish registration ends.

Raffle tickets will be sold and a raffle ticket is needed for fish registration. Prizes will be given for the largest fish by length.

All the activities and the registration will be at the PLIA building on the corner of Post Lake Drive and Cty K. The activities, raffles and more begins at 4:30 p.m. Come on in! An Ion ice auger will be raffled, and underwater camera and more. Bring the kids. All registered kids age 13 and under will receive a prize.

**3rd Annual Full Tummies/Full Hearts Community Food Drive in March**

The Laona Area Chamber of Commerce is gearing up again to make a difference in our community. The goal is to restock area food pantries, which are usually depleted after the holiday season, but make no mistake. we need your help!

Those who give may also receive by way of winning donated prizes: For every two non-perishable, non-expired food items donated, participants will receive one entry slip. For every four or more non-perishable, non-expired food items, participants will receive two entry slips. For every \$5 or more in cash donations, participants receive two slips. (There's a maximum of two slips allowed per food and cash donation.) Winners will be drawn and contacted at the end of the month.

Drop-off locations include: Laona State Bank (Armstrong Creek, Crandon, Lakewood, Laona, Townsend, Wabeno) and Townsend Storage.

Please consider donating money or food through the month of March! Questions regarding food pantry and/or prize donations may be directed to: Laona Area Chamber of Commerce by phone at (715) 902-0810 or online at [www.facebook.com/laonaareachamber](http://www.facebook.com/laonaareachamber).

**McCaslin Lioness Blood Drive**

The McCaslin Lioness Blood Drive will be at the Townsend Town Hall, Hwy 32, on Monday, February 10, from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Your donation would be greatly appreciated!

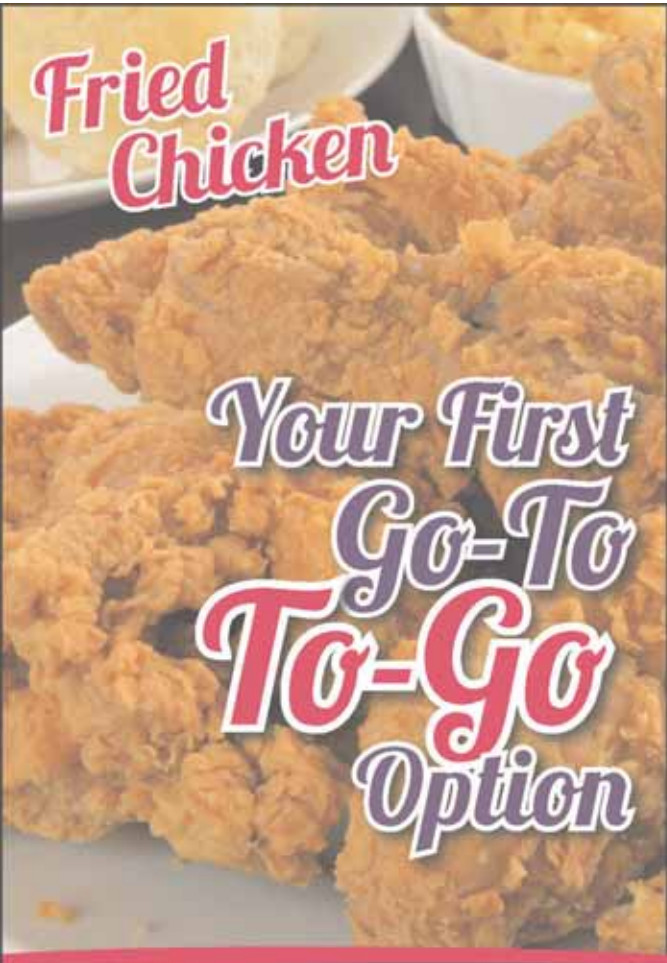
For an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Local winner of the Congressional App Challenge**

After a nation-wide competition with over 2,000 apps submitted, the winners of the annual Congressional App Challenge have been chosen. Congratulations to Mac Williams of Crandon, winner from Wisconsin's District 7.

Mac developed an app called: Wisconsin's Guide to Mysterious Creatures. His idea came from the book with the same title written by Chad Lewis. While the theme came from the book, the app provides GIS mapping, informative pages, and driving directions that could be applied to any points of interest. Mr. Lewis gladly granted Mac permission to use information from his book for the

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**Nicolet Bluegrass Cont. from pg. 1**

Bruce Royal on bass. All members contribute to the vocal harmonies. The band honors the deep traditions of bluegrass but uses those as a launching pad, not a fence. "We enjoy playing a variety of musical genres including classic country, such as Hank Williams, the traditional bluegrass of Bill Monroe, and progressive bluegrass with roots in rock and roll," said Sue. "We mix in our own originals, as well." The band performs everything in its repertoire acoustically. And that adds to its charm, Sue believes.

"Acoustic string music is real life music," she said. "Many of us have been surrounded by friends and family who play or played music, often on stringed instruments, and that might have been bluegrass or country music. This is one of the reasons bluegrass is so relatable."

She also thinks the more eclectic approach that Hand-Picked Bluegrass offers makes it appeal to a wide range of people and ages.

"It's music that comes from the heart, so no matter what your musical tastes, there is something for everyone," she said.

The group recently released its fifth CD, simply titled "V." A glowing review in the magazine Minnesota Bluegrass stated, "A band that is willing to play ... without posturing or copying styles seems like a rarity which makes Hand Picked Bluegrass such a pleasure to listen to. Fans of solid traditional bluegrass, instrumental polish and great three-part harmonies will not be disappointed. Their music is about soul and not playing songs as fast as they can be played."

This will be the group's second appearance at Nicolet College. They performed here in 2011 and recorded that show for a live album (still available). Sue remembers that show fondly.

"Nicolet is a magical place to play, and we're looking forward to the February 18th show," she said.

"Those of us who were here for that show in 2011 won't forget it," said Nicolet College Theatre Director Jim Nuttall. "Bluegrass is high-energy music but with a relaxed feel all the same, because of its laidback rhythms. Hand-Picked Bluegrass captures all of that, with beautiful vocal harmonies to boot. It's going to be a fun night."

An Evening with Hand-Picked Bluegrass is part of the Nicolet Live! 2019-2020 Performing Art Series and will take place in the Nicolet College Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be ordered online at nicolelive.com or by calling (715) 365-4646.

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# AREA EVENTS

## **Predator Hunt Feb. 8**

**Crandon Cardinal Trap Team**

**Sign in at Mays Bar, Feb. 7**



**from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**Weigh-In at the Crandon Community Building 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8th**

**Prizes for the Largest, Smallest and the Most Predators**

**All Predators must be harvested the same day of the event.**

**There is a \$20 Entry Fee for All Hunters and this includes a meal!**

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42nd Annual Mole Lake Rod & Gun Club

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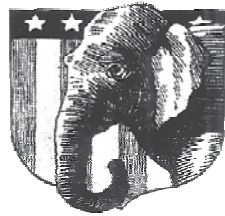
## **Jerry Schuh's POLAR BEAR JUMP IN**

**Saturday, February 8th**

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The purpose of the Caucus is to select delegates to the 7th District Caucus and the State Convention in Green Bay on May 15, 2020. Included on the agenda will be election of officers and the planning of the annual Lincoln/Reagan dinner or Pints and Politics event.

**For more information please call Terri, 715-622-0502.**

Authorized and paid for by Forest County Republican Party

The Forest County Humane Society is offering a free 1 hour introductory dog training seminar on Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 pm at the training facility at 701 Industrial Parkway. Please leave your dogs at home. For those attending the seminar, 5 weeks of training classes will be offered. Times and dates to be determined. So we know how many chairs to set up for the seminar, please call 715-478-2098. If no answer just leave a message.



### **Nicolet College**

#### **Dean's List for Fall Term 2019**

Numerous students from the Forest County area earned a place on the Nicolet College Dean's List for the Fall Term 2019. To qualify, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a 4.0 scale. Students, by community, include:

Argonne - Melissa A. Denton, Natasha K. Hanna, Ally Marie Pease.

Armstrong Creek - Kimberly Ann Cole, Caleb Richard Nelson.

Crandon - Andrea E. Anderson, Michelle L. Berdan, Michael M. Bryner, Rachelle N. Cappel, John L. Doane, Jeanine M. Fisher, Trevor Steven Hefter, Michelle Lynn Huml, Ryan Steven Kalkofen, Sonya M. Knueppel, Dylan Raymond Potter, Jacob C. Wojcik.

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Lakewood - Brandi R. Frank, Elizabeth Fawn Reed.

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Monico - Savannah Marie Edwards, Natalie E. Lassig.

Pickerel - Makayla Lee Siebers, Valerie Ann Strzyz.

Wabeno - Chelsie L. LaBarge.



### **CELLULITE SISTERS/CRANDON RED HAT LADIES**

**WHAT: Lunch & White Elephant gift exchange**

**WHERE: Lake Avenue Restaurant, Crandon**

**WHEN: Friday, February 21st at 11:30 AM**

**QUESTIONS: Call 920-915-6346.**

**Don't forget to bring a White Elephant gift**

### **Get your voting ID now!**

Anyone who doesn't have an ID needed to vote in the Spring Primary should start the process now.

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common form of identification used for voting purposes. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) encourages voters to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in this month's primary (February 19). A federally-compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes.

The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting purposes, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Voters looking to get their first Wisconsin ID can turn to DMV for help. To obtain an official ID card, there are documentation requirements such as a birth certificate. If all documentation is not readily available, the ID Petition Process (IDPP) can be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained. DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV's toll-free Voter ID hotline at (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID to vote.

DMV's website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times ([wisconsinidmv.gov/centers](http://wisconsinidmv.gov/centers)).

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## State requests public comment on electric vehicle charging station grant program

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary-designee Craig Thompson announced today that the VW Mitigation Program is seeking public input on the spending of \$10 million in Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust funds for electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) grants.

"Wisconsin has an exciting opportunity to kickstart the adoption of electric vehicles (EV) by funding new charging stations with \$10 million of Wisconsin's VW Trust fund allocation," said Secretary-designee Thompson. "Creating a robust EV charging network will reduce emissions while boosting economic activity by allowing current and future EV owners to travel throughout the state to work, shop and play."

Volkswagen admitted to violating the federal Clean Air Act by selling diesel engine vehicles that that utilized an emissions test "defeat device" that resulted in the release of thousands of tons of nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions in excess of regulated limits. Judicial settlements require Volkswagen to pay more than \$2.9 billion into an Environmental Mitigation Trust Fund. The State of Wisconsin is a designated beneficiary and will receive \$67.1 million over ten years to offset the excess pollution emitted by affected Volkswagen vehicles.

"The adoption of electric vehicles will significantly improve air quality, a prime objective of the VW Trust," said Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Joel Brennan. "A statewide network of charging stations will support the growing number of EV owners residing in and visiting Wisconsin."

Governor Evers' directed DOA to spend up to \$10 million in VW Settlement Trust funds for EVCS grants. DOA and the Volkswagen Mitigation Program released a Request for Information (RFI) to gather feedback from the public on the purchase and installation of light duty EVCS in Wisconsin. The deadline for comments is February 17, 2020 at 2 p.m.

Comments may be submitted by email ([vwsettlement@wisconsin.gov](mailto:vwsettlement@wisconsin.gov)); phone (608-261-6262) or hard copy to: VW Mitigation Program, Division of Enterprise Operations, Wisconsin Department of Administration, 101 E. Wilson Street, 6th Floor PO Box 7867 Madison, WI 53707-7867.

WisDOT recently announced that \$20 million in VW Mitigation Trust funds are also available for the replacement of aging buses. Applications are due by March 18, 2019.

The complete RFI and additional background information are available on the VW Mitigation webpage at <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/vwsettlementwisconsin.aspx>. For more information on the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant Program RFI or VW Mitigation Program, contact Ben Vondra, Department of Administration, at 608-261-6262 or [benjaminh.vondra@wisconsin.gov](mailto:benjaminh.vondra@wisconsin.gov).

## Focusing on PFAS Pollution in Wisconsin

MADISON Senators Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) and Jerry Petrowski (R-Marathon) and Representatives Joel Kitchens (R-Sturgeon Bay), Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz), Todd Novak (R-Dodgeville), and Scott Krug (R-Rome) released the following joint statement on a new effort that was introduced by these Legislators to provide clean drinking water to people in areas of the state with the worst contamination and to study the extent of PFAS pollution in Wisconsin. These areas of the state with the worst contamination, to be set by the Department of Natural Resources under proposed statutory guidelines, will be labeled 'PFAS Management Zones':



"PFAS contamination of water in a growing number of locations around the state is causing serious hardship for hundreds of Wisconsin households. As the Legislature continues discussions on addressing this emerging contaminant and the DNR begins the rulemaking process for certain PFAS compounds, we're concerned that the true extent of PFAS contamination in Wisconsin is yet to be determined. We're offering legislation to establish PFAS Management Zones as a solution to this lack of information and more importantly as a way to immediately remedy residents' concerns over access to clean drinking water.

"LRBs 5179 and 5180 provides the DNR with the structure and resources necessary to learn more about the scope of PFAS pollution in our communities. This bill is also the only bill that would begin providing clean water now by qualifying households with PFAS contamination for the Well Compensation Grant Program and making communities eligible for state loan programs to begin upgrading drinking water and wastewater facilities to address PFAS pollution as they prepare for permanent standards. The public data provided in these bills will help the Legislature and the DNR to create more sound policies that protect waterbodies, promote public health, and coordinate with our business community and municipal utilities.

"We applaud the efforts introduced on Friday by Representative Nygren and Senator Hansen, but no one bill can be the complete solution to PFAS contamination in Wisconsin. We believe that setting up PFAS Management Zones will complement and strengthen that effort as we work to make Wisconsin a leader in addressing PFAS pollution."

The proposals, LRB 5179 providing structure behind the effort and LRB 5180 providing resources to carry out these efforts, were submitted for introduction on Friday.



## Wilson achieves recognition from the Marketplace Circle of Champions

January 22, 2020  
Crandon, WI - Cheri Wilson has been recognized for her hard work and expertise in helping consumers enroll in and manage qualified health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

This achievement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a member of the 2020 Marketplace Circle of Champions highlights Cheri's success in actively enrolling consumers during this Open Enrollment Period.

"Agents and brokers play a vital role in helping consumers access qualified health coverage and navigate their new health insurance plans throughout the year," said Randy Pate, Director of the Center for Consumer Information & Insurance Oversight within CMS, which oversees the Marketplace. "We thank Cheri for her dedication to providing exceptional service in helping Americans get coverage."

The Marketplace Circle of Champions program recognizes the hard work, expertise, and service of Marketplace-registered agents and brokers. Agents and brokers who assist a high level of consumers, qualify for the Marketplace Circle of Champions.

Eligible consumers can still enroll in Marketplace coverage during this year if they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Consumers with questions about their coverage or who would like help enrolling, can contact Cheri Wilson at Northwoods Insurance Agency at 715-478-2215 or by emailing: [cheri@northwoodsinsurance.com](mailto:cheri@northwoodsinsurance.com).

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## HELP WANTED

Old Town Hall Sports Bar & Restaurant is accepting applications for all positions. All shifts available. No experience needed. Stop in to fill out an application at 17767 Hwy. 32, Townsend. Contact Josh at 715-276-2000.

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- Qualifications**
- Associate Degree in F&B Management preferred; a min. of two years verifiable experience is required.
  - Foodservice operations/management/training is a must.
  - A min. of one year verifiable cooking/bar experience is preferred.
  - Accurate cash handling experience & good math skill required.
  - Must work well with people, possess excellent guest service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
  - Ability to maintain a professional demeanor in stressful situations is required.
  - Ability to maintain current Serve Safe Certification is required.

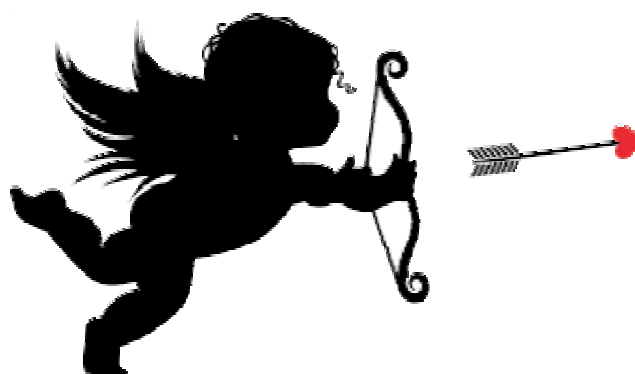
- Conditions of Employment**
- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
  - Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
  - Must obtain & maintain a Gaming License issued by the Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.

**Posting Information:** TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES  
**Post Date:** February 3, 2020 **Closing Date:** February 24, 2020  
*Complete job description available at [www.cartercasino.com](http://www.cartercasino.com)*

Submit applications/resumes to: Courtney Trocke, Human Resources Manager  
618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021  
E-mail: [courtney.trocke@cartercasino.com](mailto:courtney.trocke@cartercasino.com) -or- online at [www.cartercasino.com](http://www.cartercasino.com)

enhancing skills of mindfulness and meditation. The Riverside Meditation Group draws from western psychological mindfulness teachings, philosophy, literature, and poetry.

For additional information on the Riverside Meditation Group and Mindfulness programs, please contact Ascension Koller Behavioral Health at 715-361-2805.



## Position Vacancy

The Forest County Office on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Bus/Van driver position.

Applicants must possess a valid Wisconsin's Driver's License, and have a good driving record. This position requires a Passenger Endorsed CDL or the ability to obtain one.

Applications and Job Descriptions are available at the County Clerk's office. Applications should be returned to the County Clerk's office, 200 East Madison St. Courthouse Crandon, WI 54520, by 4:30, Friday, February 14, 2020.

*Forest County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

## Help Wanted

Burgt's Last Resort is looking for a dependable server/bartender to join our team. Fun, casual atmosphere. Fast-paced bar & grill locally located on Lily River (Lily Lake) in Pickerel, right off the ATV/snowmobile trail.

Looking to fill Fridays and Saturdays. Some experience necessary but willing to train. If interested, call 920-574-8797 or stop in Thursday-Sunday to speak with Kim.

## NORTHWOODS INSURANCE AGENCY

Is looking for a Part Time Customer Service Representative with the possibility of Full Time. This position requires an outgoing, positive attitude, computer skills, and an eye for details. We will train on insurance policies and terminology.

*Send resume to:*

*[ed@northwoodsinsurance.com](mailto:ed@northwoodsinsurance.com) or*

**Northwoods Insurance Agency,**  
100 S. Lake Ave,  
Crandon, WI 54520,  
Attention: Ed

## Maple Syrup program at Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center

An International program on maple syrup techniques will be held on Thursday, February 20th, 2020 at the Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. Our panel of experts is Fred Hedmark and Ernie Dagostino.

These two men are maple syrup producers of varying production, so we will have all levels of production present from small to very big. Both men have been making maple syrup their entire life and are vastly knowledgeable in the production of maple syrup. Hedmark's Maple Ridge, who is a maple supplies dealer, will also have maple equipment and supplies on display and for sale. This program should be of interest to those considering making maple syrup, those who want to compare experience and techniques and to those curious about the process of obtaining this tasty and necessary pancake product

If you would like to learn more about maple syrup, please join us! The program will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room at the Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center located on the corner of U.S. 2 and Highway 101/70 in Florence.

The Environmental Stewardship Program Series are put on by the Friends of the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center and are open to the public and free of charge.

For more information on this or any programs, contact Lori Moore in the Florence Natural Resource and Interpretive Center at (715) 528-5377.

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Full-Time, Hourly

**Purpose** Provide safe, tasteful & appealing food to our guests by utilizing proper preparation methods. Accurately cook food to guest's request. Able to cook meats, fish, vegetables, soups, & sauces, and prepare/portion food products prior to cooking. Perform final plate preparation including plating & garnishing of cooked items.

**Qualifications**

- High school diploma or equivalent is preferred.
- A minimum of 2 years training and/or experience in kitchen preparation and cooking.
- Basic computer experience is preferred.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Must work well with people; possess excellent customer service skills and sensitivity to diverse cultures.
- Must possess strong verbal & written communications skills.
- Ability to maintain a professional demeanor in stressful situations is necessary.
- Ability to obtain and maintain Serve Safe Certification.

**Conditions of Employment**

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must be able to work flexible shifts as dictated by volume of business; this includes days, nights, weekends and holidays.

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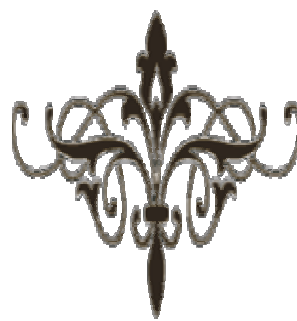
## A Mindful Relationship with Food

Ascension Koller Behavioral Health offers monthly Mindfulness and Meditation programs in Rhinelander that are free to anyone in the community. "A Mindful Relationship with Food," is the featured program for February and will be offered on Tuesday, February 18, from 1-2:30 p.m., at Ascension Koller Behavioral Health, 1020 Kabel Avenue in the 2nd floor conference room. Advanced registration is not required.

"We are pleased to welcome Brendan Tuckey from Evergood Farm who will share his experience and perspective on the growing and marketing of food in our culture," said Kathy Mitchell, MA, of Ascension Koller Behavioral Health. "This will be a great opportunity to wake up our personal habits and the opportunities in conscious consumption."

Ascension Koller Behavioral Health also offers the Riverside Meditation Group. In February, the Riverside Meditation Group will be held on Thursdays, February 13 and 27, from 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. Riverside Meditation Group is an opportunity for anyone with a meditation practice to have regular group support. There are two twenty-minute seated meditations with either walking meditation or Qigong in between. The meditation model is silent and still with occasional guided meditations. At the end a short talk focusing on

**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.



# Bids & Notices

**Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Feb. 10-14**  
**Monday** - Whole grain cereal, strawberry cup, fruit juice, milk  
**Tuesday** - French toast sticks, sausage links, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk  
**Wednesday** - Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, tater tot, muffin, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk  
**Thursday** - Breakfast taco, southwestern potatoes, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk  
**Friday** - Whole grain cereal, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School Lunch Menu Feb. 10-14**  
**Monday** - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches, garden bar, milk  
**Tuesday** - Sloppy joe, potato wedges, carrots, pears, garden bar, milk  
**Wednesday** - Spaghetti, meat sauce/marinara, California blend, grapes, garden bar, milk  
**Thursday** - Turkey/ham sub sandwich, chips, apple slices, Scooby snacks, garden bar, milk  
**Friday** - Loaded baked potato soup, whole wheat crackers, Valentine lava cake, grapes, garden bar, milk

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA BID REQUEST

The School District of Laona is looking for bids for tree removal and disposal of 5 trees.  
 For further details regarding the specifications and scope of the project, please contact John "Gus" Klementz at 715-674-2143 ext. 207. You can set up an appointment with him to review the project.  
 Sealed bids will be accepted until March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the March 9, 2020 board meeting. The project needs to be started no earlier than June 3, 2020 and must be completed by August 15, 2020. A certificate of insurance must be provided before the start of the project.  
 Please send sealed bids to: School District of Laona, Attn: Tree Removal, 5216 Forest Ave Suite A, Laona, WI 54541.

## Laona State Bank

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## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA BID REQUEST

The School District of Laona is looking for bids to remove, dispose of, and reinstall commercial grade carpeting in the library.  
 For further details regarding the specifications and scope of the project, please contact John "Gus" Klementz at 715-674-2143 ext. 207. You can set up an appointment with him to measure and review the project.  
 Sealed bids will be accepted until March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the March 9, 2020 board meeting. The project needs to be started no earlier than June 3, 2020 and must be completed by August 15, 2020. A certificate of insurance must be provided before the start of the project.  
 Please send sealed bids to: School District of Laona, Attn: Carpet Bid, 5216 Forest Ave Suite A, Laona, WI 54541.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LAONA BID REQUEST

The School District of Laona is looking for bids for the removal of the football field light poles.  
 For further details regarding the specifications and scope of the project, please contact John "Gus" Klementz at 715-674-2143 ext. 207. You can set up an appointment with him to review the project.  
 Sealed bids will be accepted until March 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the March 9, 2020 board meeting. The project needs to be started no earlier than June 3, 2020 and must be completed by August 15, 2020. A certificate of insurance must be provided before the start of the project.  
 Please send sealed bids to: School District of Laona, Attn: Football Field Light Poles, 5216 Forest Ave Suite A, Laona, WI 54541.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**  
**Cafeteria - Wabeno Junior High / High School**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**AGENDA**

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Roll Call Verification of Quorum.
- III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2)).
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Agenda Approval.
- VI. Work Session with the public on Strategic Planning for the School District of Wabeno Area.
  - A. Introduction
  - B. Context
  - C. Brainstorm
  - D. Cluster
  - E. Name
  - F. Resolve
  - G. Next steps
- VII. Set next meeting date and time
- VIII. Adjourn

NOTE: THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

*Approved for Publication/Posting by: Superintendent of Schools Upon reasonable notice, the District shall make reasonable accommodation to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities through appropriate aids and services including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 715.473.2592. Sent to: Board of Education Administrative Team Pioneer and Lake/Forest Beacon Newspapers*  
*The agenda as noted above was sent more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on the District Website: <https://www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/#>*

**Notice Request for Bid - Sokaogon Chippewa Housing Authority**  
**Construction of New Home**  
 New multi-level home with three bedrooms and two bathrooms built on existing basement.  
 If interested please contact the Sokaogon Chippewa housing office 715-478-2001, to get additional specs and prints.  
 Deadline to bid on the project will be February 21st, 2020

**Notice Request for Bid - Sokaogon Chippewa Housing Authority**  
**Window Replacement**  
 Scope of work consists of: Removal/disposal of existing window. Install new  
 If interested please contact the Sokaogon Chippewa housing office 715-478-2001, to make arrangements to view the project.  
 Deadline to bid on the project will be February 21st, 2020

**Notice request for Bid - Sokaogon Chippewa Housing Authority**  
**Interior remodel of home**  
 Scope of work consists of;  
 Two exterior doors  
 Drywall repairs  
 Paint walls and ceiling  
 Install kitchen cabinets flooring  
 Doors  
 Base trim and casing  
 If interested please contact the Sokaogon Chippewa housing office 715-478-2001, to make arrangements to view the project.  
 Deadline to bid on the project will be February 21st, 2020

# 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. 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 a.m., 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.

# Bids & Notices

## CoVantage Credit Union celebrates 67th Annual Meeting

Members of CoVantage Credit Union are invited to attend the organization's 67th Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 19. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Volm Theatre, Antigo High School, 1900 Tenth Avenue in Antigo. Member registration begins at 6 p.m.

All credit union members are encouraged to attend the meeting which will include an introduction of the CoVantage board of directors, financial reports and highlights from 2019, and a preview of what is being planned for 2020.

Candidates for the CoVantage Credit Union Board of Directors are:

- Matt Kolling, business owner, Genesis Farms, LLC and Genesis Outdoors, LLC
- Paul Payant, attorney and partner of Sommer, Olk & Payant, LLC
- Willis Qualheim, business owner, Qualheim's True Value

Current Board members of CoVantage Credit Union are: Susan Gitzlaff, Wausau; Dennis Haltinner, Appleton; Matt Kolling, Stevens Point; Karen Novak, Antigo; Paul Payant, Antigo; Willis Qualheim, Shawano; Eugene Shawano, Argonne; Lee Siler, Crystal Falls (MI); and Mike Windberg, Menominee (MI).

Members who attend will receive a complimentary gift and a chance to win one of numerous cash prizes. A meal will be served after the meeting has adjourned.

## Wabeno Jr/Sr High School 2019-20 Quarter 2 Honor Roll (Corrected)

### Highest Honors (4.0 GPA)

SENIORS- Jordyn Calhoun and Logan Riebe  
 JUNIORS- Emma Harris, Kylie Higgins, Grace Novak and Matthew Seeber

SOPHOMORES- Reed Christianson, Jesse Prasser and Myla Volk

FRESHMAN- Kelsey Beaver, Braden Brauer and Owen Seeber

8th GRADE- Brian Sears

7th GRADE- Jaden Danielson and Joseph Lampereur

### High Honors (3.99 to 3.5 GPA)

SENIORS- Kelly Boor, Alexis Childress, Morgan Mattern, Jesse Pakulski, Sydney Rabe, Jade Schmidt and Alexandra Taylor

JUNIORS-Emily Christianson, Dylan Cloud, Clayton Janesch, Alexzandra Kaster, Penelope Peters, Autumn Stoffregen, Evan Thomas and Trista Weiss

SOPHOMORES- Halee Henkel, Natalie Johnson, Hailey Krueger, Storm O'Kon, Jaclyn St. Peter and Bekkah VanEperen

FRESHMAN- Carter Janesch, Kierra O'Keefe and Adam Seeber

8th GRADE-Gatlin Bohl, Lauren Harris, Hailey Monnot and Lawton Webb

7th GRADE- Kiana Beaver, Carter Champine, Edgar Christianson, William Collins, Elise Harris, Bluesky Meshigaud, Jenna Monnot, Donovan Prince and Ezekiel Sarratt

### Honors (3.49 to 3.0 GPA)

SENIORS-Ethan Higgins, Brandon Jameson, Lauren McKenna and Logan Porter

JUNIORS- Kiara Moravec

SOPHOMORES- Alyssa Bereswill, Matthew Majestic, Sunshine Nelson, Paige Peterson, Ryan Simonis and Connor Taylor

FRESHMAN- Pfeiffer Bodoh, Maddyson Calhoun and Ryan Roy

8th GRADE-Gage Liptack, Phoenix O'Kon, Trentin Ponton and Thomas VanTheil

7th GRADE- Katelin Adamczyk, Cheyanne Blasing, Hayden Demerath, Shasta Deverney, Brynlea Hoffmann, Cadence Ratcliff-Ray, Treyton Schaefer, Rayanne Swartz-Licht and Aurora Thundercloud

## Post 44 Gunless Poultry Shoot Pour Judgement, Wabeno

Don't miss the next American Legion Gunless Poultry Shoot on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Pour Judgement, Wabeno, starting at 1 p.m.

Bring along your friends, they will be raffling off packages of meat, poultry, sausages, bacon, beverages, gifts and gift certificates donated by local businesses. There will also be 50/50 raffles. Come on in, win a prize and help a veteran. Everyone is welcome.

The American Legion Sylvan Post 44 of Wabeno is composed of veterans who are committed to helping veterans, their families and the community

## Absentee voting has begun!

The first of the five 2020 elections in our area is the Spring Primary on February 18, and in-person absentee voting -- commonly known as "early voting" -- has already begun.

For the February 18 Election, early voting began on February 3 and ends on February 14. In Wisconsin, early voting for any election begins 15 days before the election and ends 4 days BEFORE the election. Please keep this in mind so that you never miss your chance to vote when you are unable to go to your polling station on Election Day.

To vote early, contact your municipal clerk (not the county clerk) ASAP to arrange for voting in person. You can get the clerk's contact information by visiting [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) or [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). While there, you can also check your registration status. Each city, village and town sets its own dates and hours for in-person absentee voting.

If you have not yet registered to vote, you can do so at the clerk's office (it is too late to register online for the February 18 Election). Be sure to ask what documents you'll need, before you visit the clerk.

And mark your calendars for the other 2020 elections: April 7 - Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary; May 12 - Congressional District 7 Special Election; August 11 - Partisan Primary; and November 3 - General & Presidential Election.

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW) encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. Our local league belongs to the state and national League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process. Our monthly meetings and sponsored events are open to all. You can contact us at [information@lwvnow.org](mailto:information@lwvnow.org). Our website is [www.lwvnow.org](http://www.lwvnow.org).

Answers to questions about voter registration and voting can be found at [vote411.org](http://vote411.org), [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), your municipal clerk, or local library.



# COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- **The Pickerel Area 50 Plus Club** will hold a Valentine luncheon on Thursday February 13, 2020 at noon in Pickerel at the Northwoods Restaurant. We welcome new members.
- **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 February, March and April.
- **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](http://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.
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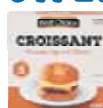
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# Death Notices

**Alex L. McGeshick, "Sqa gechick" "Behind The Sky"**, age 21, of Crandon passed away Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at his home. Alex was born February 21, 1998 in Rhinelander, the son of Craig McGeshick and Collette Pete.



Surviving are his parents, Craig McGeshick and Collette Pete; sisters, Ericka (Justin) Tokarczyk of Greenfield, Kaitlyn McGeshick of Greenfield, Maureen McGeshick of Watersmeet and Genevieve Jackson of Watersmeet; and brothers, Craig McGeshick Jr. (Veronica) of West Allis and Trent McGeshick of Greenfield; and special friend, Illiana Daniels.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Marlene Fox; and grandfather, Archie McGeshick.

Visitation started at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, January 30, 2020 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center in Crandon. Services will be at noon on Friday, January 31, 2020 with Joe Daniels officiating. Burial to follow at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Crandon.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**James L. Einertson, Jr.**, age 57, of Mole Lake passed away Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Wausau Aspirus Hospital. James was born in Des Moines, IA on August 6, 1962, the son of James L. and Joyce (VanZile) Einertson, Sr.



Through life Jimmy worked as a Black Jack dealer at the Mole Lake Casino. Jimmy loved riding 4 wheelers, fishing, golfing and coaching baseball. His favorite team was the Cubs.

He is survived by his father, James L. Einertson, Sr. of Mole Lake; daughters, Amanda Anderson (Wes) of Derby, IA, Starla Einertson of St. Peter, MN and Joyce Einertson (Caleb McGeshick) of Larson, WI; son, James Einertson, III of Humeston, IA; sisters, Joanie Einertson of Des Moines, IA and Denise Einertson of Des Moines, IA; and brothers, Daniel Einertson of Mole Lake, Darrell Einertson of Des Moines, IA and John Einertson of Des Moines, IA. He is further survived by thirteen grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Einertson; and brother, Dawayne Einertson.

Memorial service was held on Thursday, February 6 at 3 p.m. at the Waba Nun Nung Gospel Chapel in Mole Lake with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Visitation was from noon until the time of service. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**James "Jim" L. Bunda**, age 87, passed away peacefully on January 29, 9 months and 3 days after his wife Laurie.

He is survived by his son, Steve (Laurie); daughter, Pam (John) Schmitt; granddaughters, Kristine (Darrin) Springer and Elizabeth (Andrew) Almquist; and great-granddaughter, Ellie Springer.

A graduate of Don Bosco High School and Marquette University, Jim began his career as a Mechanical Engineer at Briggs and Stratton in the test house. He worked his way up to Vice President of Quality Assurance, retiring after 30 years in 1985. His goal in life was to be retired as long as he worked, which he accomplished. He and Laurie enjoyed 34 relaxing years at their homes in Crandon, WI and Hudson, FL. He loved walleye fishing, golfing, card playing and woodworking.

A family celebration will be held in Minocqua, WI this spring to celebrate Jim and Laurie's lives.

Memorials to [www.emmalovesdogs.org](http://www.emmalovesdogs.org) which provides financial assistance to animals in need and police K9 units are appreciated.

**Leroy Joseph Gretzinger**, age 80, of Argonne, WI, passed away peacefully on January 30, 2020 at his winter home in Everglades City, Florida with his wife Ruby (Wagoner) Gretzinger of 60 years by his side.



Leroy was born on September 29, 1939 in Argonne to Roy and Lela Gretzinger. He graduated from Crandon High School in 1958 and helped to carry on the family farm.

On June 6, 1959 he married Ruby (Wagoner) Gretzinger in Crandon, WI and had seven wonderful children. Their family was built on faith and hard work. Leroy started his long career in carpentry first starting with remodeling projects and building homes. L. Gretzinger Construction LLC built many beautiful homes throughout the Crandon area and will be remembered for the craftsmanship that he has passed to family members along the way. The family also enjoyed their Christmas tree farm; selling to many families both near and far.

Leroy loved living in Argonne. He enjoyed working in the woods, farming, hunting with his family, attending family sporting events and the Brush Run. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Leroy's winter getaway in Florida provided him 27 sunny years of fishing and card playing with Ruby, his family, and friends.

Leroy is survived by his wife, Ruby (Wagoner) Gretzinger; his seven children, Colette (Donnie) Dehart, Susan (friend Don) Deer, Linda (Jamie) Cline, Colleen (Jeff) Kincaid, Leroy I "Sonny" (Jenny) Gretzinger, Gary (Lisa) Gretzinger, and Richard (Casey) Gretzinger; and eighteen grandchildren, Derek (Nahal), Devon, and Deion Dehart, Candi (Craig) Smith, Craig (Sierra) Deer, Jimmie (Sarah) Bradley, Jenna (Sean) Aderholdt, Jesse Cline, and Julia (friend Ethan) Cline, Kasey (Kyle) Keao, Keegan (Kathryn) Kincaid, Kory (fiance Annie) Kincaid, Sydney and Chevy Gretzinger, Dillon (Andrea) Gretzinger, Lester (friend Tina) and Will and Abram Gretzinger. Leroy was also blessed with fifteen great-grandchildren, with two additional on the way. He is survived also by seven siblings, Marian (Ken) Keepers, Carl (Lori) Gretzinger, Myrna (Mike) Lane, Elsie (Lowell) Wagoner, Dale (Cindy) Gretzinger, Carol (Phil) Voll, and Anne (fiance Jim) Loduha.

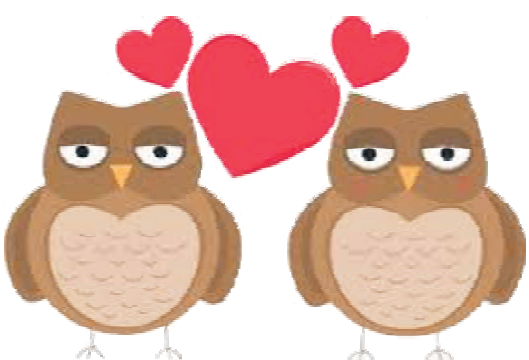
Leroy joins his parents, Roy and Lela Gretzinger, in heaven, along with in-laws, Lola and Isom Wagoner; brother-in-law, Garland Wagoner; and sister-in-law, Kathy Wagoner.

The celebration Mass of Leroy's life will be held on Friday, February 7 at 11:30 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Crandon with Father Callistus Elue officiating.

Visitation will be at the church from 9-11:30 a.m. A burial service will take place at the Crandon Lakeside Cemetery with a meal to follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Hall.

Leroy will be remembered as a loving, kind and humble man who cherished his faith and family.

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**Lilli Klus Shea** was born on April 16, 1934 to John and Helen (Slowik) Klus. She attended Goodman-Armstrong School graduating in 1952, went on to Wesley Memorial graduating as a registered nurse in 1955, and received a Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan. She practiced nursing in Wisconsin, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii, Washington D.C. and Michigan.

Lilli loved people and nature. Upon retiring from nursing in 1998, Lilli and her husband Jim opened a bed and breakfast, which they built on their property in Marinette, Wisconsin and named "Shedy Pines." There she flourished in the nature that surrounded her and in the many guests that frequented the beautiful establishment.

In life, Lilli loved music and dancing like no one was watching with two of her favorite songs being Delta Dawn and Desperado. She also really enjoyed all aspects of nature including hunting and bagging an 11 point buck. She also loved traveling whether it was by bus for a 30-day excursion or cross-country by train, and especially by car to visit family and friends. She was very competitive, loved playing games, and was part of many bridge groups throughout her life. She also loved baking even using apples from her own trees to make pie and homemade applesauce.

Lilli loved life and cherished each day. She was often known for saying, "Everything is as it should be," and as many have said, "In the end, it's not about the years in your life, but the life in your years."

Lilli is preceded in death by her son, John Shea; her grandson, Alex Shea; and her brother, John Klus. Lilli is survived by her husband of 59 years, James Shea; her son, James Shea, Jr. and wife, Tia Shea; her daughter, Mary Ellen Musto and husband, Henry Musto; 7 grandchildren, James Shea, III, Elizabeth Shea, Alissa and Thomas Talbot, Hannah Sarradet, Hailey Sarradet, Lilli Musto, and Samuel Musto; and sisters, Mary and husband Jim Nelson, Kathy and husband Paul Milan; and sister-in-law, Geri Klus.

She will be missed by many for she was loved by many. For those that wish to express their sympathy to the family, a visitation will be observed on Friday, February 7 from 10 a.m.-noon at Hansen-Onion-Martell Funeral Home in Marinette, Wisconsin in memory of Lilli Shea who passed away Sunday, February 2 at Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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# Senior Chatter

## Governor Evers signs Executive Order #45 to create Retirement Security Task Force

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers signed an executive order last month to create the Retirement Security Task Force. According to the Governor's press release, "Wisconsin's aging population is expected to increase by 60% by 2030, yet currently, one in seven registered voters in Wisconsin have no way to save for retirement at work."

The task force will be led by State Treasurer Sarah Godlewski who reported to Wisconsin Public Radio that "[t]he typical working age family has \$3,000 saved for retirement. That's it. And we know people can't live off of Social Security alone. So one of the things we're trying to understand (is) why is this? Why can't people save for retirement?"

The task force will take on the following objectives:

- Assess the overall preparedness of the state in supporting Wisconsin's ability to retire in a financially secure manner.
- Evaluate the statewide financial impact of Wisconsin's current retirement system, as well as employer-sponsored and individual retirement plans.
- Identify challenges and obstacles facing Wisconsin's seeking to retire in a financially secure manner.
- Identify barriers to accessing existing employer-sponsored and individual retirement plans, and to participation in public and private retirement options.
- Research best practices from industry, academia, and other states on retirement security.
- Provide guidance on the average amount a Wisconsinite should save to achieve a secure retirement.
- Provide various recommendations on how best the state can address the retirement crisis, reduce regulatory and operational burden on small businesses who want to offer payroll deduction retirement savings options to employees, encourage younger Wisconsinites to save early in life, and innovate reforms to help Wisconsinites to retire in a financial secure manner.

For more information see: <https://www.wpr.org/wisconsin-state-treasurer-governor-launch-retirement-task-force> or <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/25f20be>.



### Bus Schedule

**Tuesday - Feb. 18** - Wabeno, Laona and Crandon to Rhinelander by 9 a.m. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No lunch. Depart Rhinelander at 11:45 a.m. -

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**Monday - Feb. 17** - Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, fruit sorbet

### CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

**Tuesday - Feb. 11** - Fish with tartar sauce, baked potato with sour cream, peas and carrots, sourdough bread, raspberry lemon bar

**Tuesday - Feb. 18** - Pork chop, roasted potatoes, carrots, Italian bread, applesauce

### CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

**Wednesday - Feb. 12** - Chicken pot pie with veggies and biscuit top, kale salad, fruit, oatmeal raisin bar

**Wednesday - Feb. 19** - Egg salad sandwich on whole wheat, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit, snickerdoodle cookie

### WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

**Thursday - Feb. 13** - Chicken pot pie with veggies and biscuit top, kale salad, fruit, oatmeal raisin bar

**Thursday - Feb. 20** - Egg salad sandwich on whole wheat, coleslaw, baked beans, fruit, snickerdoodle cookie

### ALVIN

**Thursday - Feb. 13** - Beef stew with peas, carrots and potatoes, mixed salad, whole grain roll, cookie

**Thursday - Feb. 20** - Pork sauerkraut, potatoes, baked beans, whole grain roll, bar

### JARS

**Thursday - Feb. 13** - 1) Chicken pot pie with a whole grain crust, applesauce, blueberry Bundt cake and milk

2) Chicken chef salad, whole wheat roll, apple crisp and milk

**Thursday - Feb. 20** - 1) Quiche with ham, onion, mushroom, green pepper, cheese and hashbrowns, fresh fruit, apple crisp and milk

2) Taco salad, whole wheat roll, apple crisp and milk

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## USDA Reminds Producers of Deadline for Conservation Reserve Program Signup

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 3, 2020 The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers interested in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) 2020 general signup to enroll by February 28, 2020. This signup is available to farmers and private landowners who are either enrolling for the first time or re-enrolling for another 10- to 15-year term.

"This is the first opportunity for general sign up since 2016, and we want producers and private landowners to know that we have just one month remaining," FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce said. "It is critical that they make their final determinations and submit offers very soon to take advantage of this popular conservation program."

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive yearly rental payments for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers"), which can control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. It was originally intended to primarily control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production. The program has evolved over the years, providing many conservation and economic benefits. Marking its 35th anniversary in 2020, CRP has had many successes, including: Preventing more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;

\*\* Reducing nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;

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The CRP continuous signup is ongoing, which enables producers to enroll for certain practices. FSA plans to open the Soil Health and Income Protection Program, a CRP pilot program, in early 2020, and the 2020 CRP Grasslands signup runs from March 16, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

To enroll in CRP, contact your local FSA county office or visit [fsa.usda.gov/crp](http://fsa.usda.gov/crp). To locate your local FSA office, visit [farmers.gov/service-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-locator).

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## Nicolet College a finalist for national Bellwether Award

Nicolet College has been named one of 10 national finalists for the prestigious Bellwether Award in the Instructional Programs and Services category.

The college earned the distinction for its innovative Nicolet MyWay initiative, which vastly adds to the flexibility students have regarding when and where they complete their college coursework.

"Many students juggle jobs and families and they need flexible classes and services if they are going to attend college," said Kate Ferrel, executive vice president of Academic and Student Affairs.

"The Nicolet MyWay format provides exactly that. It combines online classes with flexible open labs where students receive one-on-one and small group instruction. In both cases, instructors and coaches are always there to help and support students so they can earn the college credential that will get them ahead in life."

Ferrel will lead a small team from Nicolet to give their finalist presentation before a panel of judges at the Bellwether Community College Futures Assembly Feb. 2 to 4 in San Antonio, Texas.

While variations of the Nicolet MyWay format has been around for decades in other parts of the country, Nicolet was the first technical college to bring it to Wisconsin when the Welding program adopted the format in January 2018. Information Technology instituted Nicolet MyWay that fall followed by the Accounting and Administrative Professional programs for the Fall Term of 2019 and Business Management for the Spring Term of 2020. Other academic programs at the college are in the process of aligning their curriculum to the Nicolet MyWay format.

"The entire concept focuses around students attending college on their own terms," Ferrel explained. "Students set their own schedules and progress through the coursework at their own pace, advancing through, and gaining mastery of, specific sets of employer-validated competencies."

She noted the skills students learn are the same as before. Only now they learn the skills in a more student-friendly, personalized format

"When students master one competency, they move on to the next," Ferrel said. "What's great is that if students already have some of the skills, they can get through those competencies pretty quickly. If they come across other competencies that are more challenging, they can take the time they need to master that skill set."

When all competencies are met, students pass the class and ultimately earn a college credential.

An added benefit of the Nicolet MyWay format is that students can start classes at numerous times throughout the year, typically at the beginning of most months, instead of the traditional three times a year at the beginning of the Spring, Fall, and Summer terms.

Accompanying Ferrel to the Bellwether Community College Futures Assembly will be Nicolet staffers Christin Van Kauwenberg, director of Business Intelligence, Di Wu, instructional designer, and Laura Prince, Economics and Social Science instructor.

For more information about Nicolet in general and Nicolet MyWay academic programs, visit [nicoletcollege.edu](http://nicoletcollege.edu) or call the Welcome Center at (715) 365-4493, 1-800-544-3039, ext. 4493; TTY 1-800-947-3529 or 711 relay.

The Bellwether assembly, now in its 26th year, convenes annually as an independent national policy forum for key opinion leaders to work as a "think tank" in identifying critical issues facing the future of community colleges, and to recognize Bellwether Winners and Finalist as trend-setting institutions.

The Bellwether College Consortium is a group of colleges charged with addressing the critical issues facing community colleges through applicable research and the promotion and replication of best practices addressing workforce development, instructional programs and services, and planning governance and finance. The Bellwether Award is proudly sponsored by the Alamo Colleges District in San Antonio, Texas.

## For Old Time's Sake



Both of these old photos are labeled "Laona High School." The question is which is the older of the two. A guess is that the photo above would be the oldest, but then what happened to the first of the schools? Can anybody answer that question?





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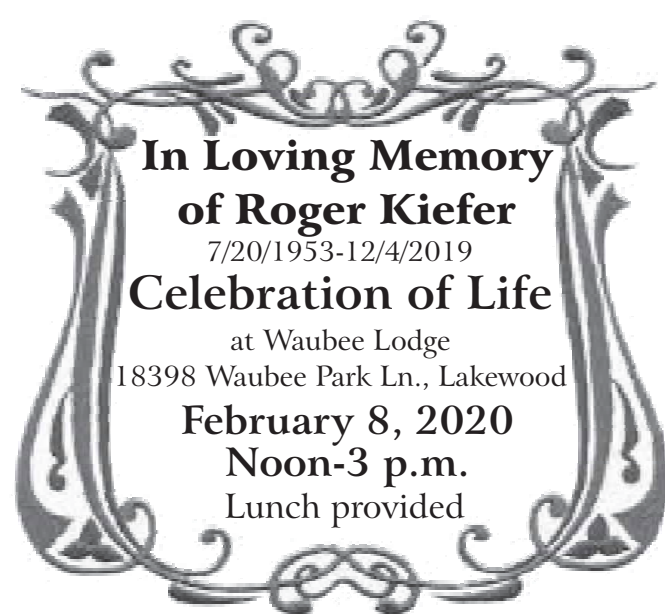
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## In Loving Memory of Sandy Gengalo Feb. 2, 2016

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your love, your beauty  
will always find me.  
She has gone beyond the rainbow.  
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My fishing buddy  
Love Joe, family and friends



## In Loving Memory of Roger Kiefer 7/20/1953-12/4/2019 Celebration of Life

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## Invite A Pal For Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week

MADISON, Wis. - Wisconsin's winter is in full swing on the snowmobile trails, making it prime time to introduce a friend or two to this family-friendly outdoor activity.

Feb. 8 - 17 is Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week, sponsored by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association and supported by snowmobile clubs nationwide.

The Department of Natural Resources urges all snowmobile enthusiasts to share Wisconsin's trails with someone who has never experienced the outdoor fun.

"Wisconsin has some of the nation's best snowmobile trails in the country, thanks to the landowners who open their property and the volunteers who sign and groom many of the nearly 25,000 miles that can be open if conditions allow," said DNR Conservation Warden Martin Stone, administrator for the DNR's Off-Highway Vehicle program. "And, safety is part of that fun. Wardens and partner law enforcement recreational patrols are on those trails, working to keep the trails safe and fun for all to enjoy."

### Sober, Safe Speed, Helmets & Ice Conditions

An important goal for wardens is to help everyone have fun and make lifelong memories.

"Safe snowmobiling means you must operate within your specific capabilities, operating at safe following distances when riding with others and utilize appropriate speeds for the terrain, and of course whether it is daylight or night riding conditions," Stone said. "Practice 'Zero Alcohol' which is a personal choice to refrain from drinking any alcoholic beverages until you are done operating any motorized vehicle for the day or night and are back at your cabin, hotel or home."

Snowmobiling while impaired can have devastating consequences for you and others. Always wear a helmet, adequate clothing, and stay within designated riding areas.

The constant factor for any outdoor winter activity in Wisconsin is ice. Winter's fluctuating temperatures, snowfalls and snowmelts have made for often-changing terrain and mixed conditions on snowmobile trails.

"As you think about where you want to ride, please make sure you take the time to check in with the area's fishing clubs, snowmobile clubs or outfitters on the ice conditions. The DNR does not monitor those conditions, but those local experts will know," Stone said.

Here are more easy-to-follow snowmobile safety tips:

In all likelihood, the ice looks thicker - and safer - than it is.

The best advice to follow is no matter what the month, consider all ice unpredictable.

There can be cracks and changes in the thickness you may not be able to see. This is especially true after the first cold nights, and the early ice is spotted. Always remember that ice is never completely safe under any conditions.

Go with a friend. It is safer and more fun.

Carry a cellphone and let people know where you are going and when you will return home.

Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat to help you stay afloat and to help slow body heat loss.

Carry a couple of spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself - or others - out of the ice.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas - or at night.

Know if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents, which can thin the ice.

Take extra mittens or gloves, so you always have a dry pair.

The DNR wants you to be safe enjoying the outdoors. Common sense is the greatest ally in preventing ice-related accidents.

And remember, snowmobile safety education is required in Wisconsin. All riders at least age 12 and born on or after January 1, 1985 are required to complete a course before they can legally operate. Riders age 16 and older may complete the course over the internet. Riders younger than that must complete the course in a class room setting.

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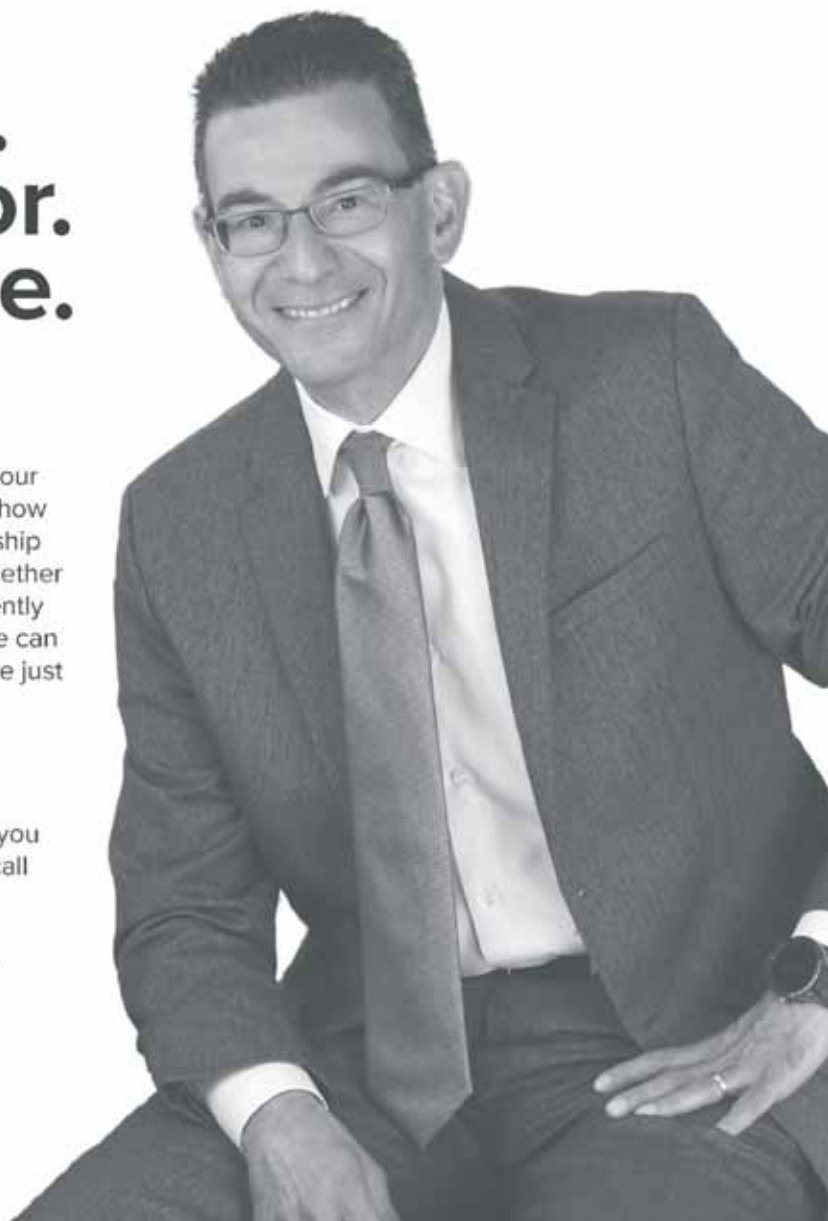
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## Protect Your Trees from Disease

MADISON, Wis. - With the new year upon us, healthy lifestyle habits are sure to be on many people's minds as they plan for changes in diet and exercise. The new year is also the perfect opportunity to make healthier choices for trees. Winter is the ideal time for tree pruning while avoiding harmful, disease-carrying pests such as the tiny beetles that carry oak wilt from one tree wound to another.

"The best time to prune trees that lose their leaves is during winter when the trees are dormant," said Paul Cigan, Department of Natural Resources Forest Health Specialist. "Not only is it easier to see where pruning is needed when leaves are gone, but disease-carrying pests are inactive due to the cold, making pruning both more effective and less likely to invite unwanted pests."

Although pruning in winter reduces the risk of spread through beetles, the disease can spread year-round in firewood.

"Several recent oak wilt discoveries in northern Wisconsin, including the first-ever discovery in Forest County, may have been the result of infected firewood brought from areas with oak wilt," Cigan said. "Keep oak

firewood where it is cut for one year, or until the bark is naturally loose, to prevent the spread of oak wilt."

For more information, visit the DNR's webpages for oak wilt and firewood.

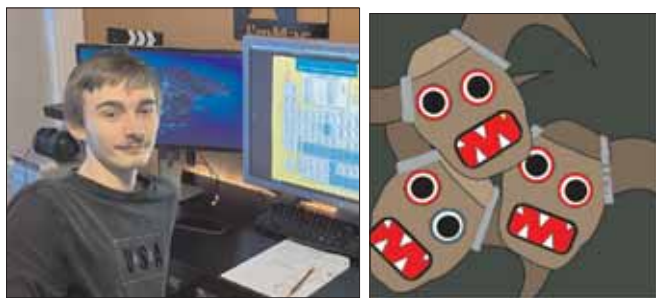
### Pruning tips

Yard trees and trees in urban settings should be pruned throughout their entire life to maintain a strong structure and remove deadwood. Young trees should be pruned to establish a central trunk, proper trunk taper and good branch structure and spacing. Older trees should be pruned to remove dead and/or hazardous limbs.

"Pruning should not remove more than 25% of the live tree crown, and the lower third of deciduous tree trunks should be free of limbs," said Don Kissinger, DNR urban forestry coordinator.



**App Challenge** Cont. from pg. 1



Congressional App Challenge. The link to Mac's app challenge submission video is below:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkZCMfnNBcA&feature=youtu.be>

The winners of this challenge were awarded a \$250 Amazon Web Services gift card and have been invited to the annual #HouseOfCode Festival on Capitol Hill on March 24, 2020. Students will demonstrate their apps for their Representatives and the broader DC Tech community.

This event will provide lawmakers and the global tech community a chance to interact with the next generation of Computer Science talent directly.

This year's Congressional App Challenge was the most successful to date. Over 10,000 students registered to participate in the competition, and this year's students created 2,177 fully functioning apps, with some congressional districts receiving over 50 applications. In total, 304 Members of Congress participated in the Congressional App Challenge. These districts spanned across 48 states, Puerto Rico, the Mariana Islands, and Washington, D.C.

Mac Williams is currently a Freshman at Crandon High School.

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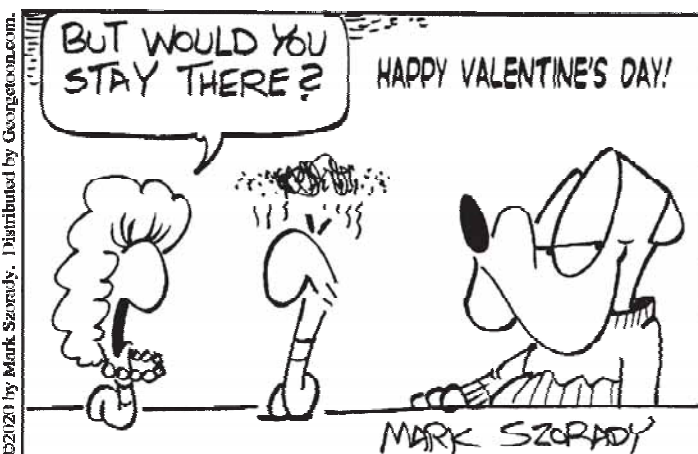
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**February 14th**

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**DNR Approves 10-Year Trout Management Plan**



A new trout management plan is intended to protect, develop, enhance, and restore trout populations and trout angling opportunities for the diverse preferences and needs of our participants.

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently approved its first statewide trout management plan. The plan provides direction for inland trout management in Wisconsin and will be in effect from 2020 to 2029.

The plan covers Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Lake Trout in inland lakes, ponds and streams of Wisconsin, including tributaries of the Great Lakes upstream from impassible barriers such as dams and naturally occurring falls.

The inland trout management plan includes four primary goals:

- Protect, enhance and restore sustainable cold-water aquatic habitats and ecosystems;
- Protect, develop, enhance and restore trout populations and trout angling opportunities for the diverse preferences and needs of our participants;
- Collect, develop and use the best science to guide trout management decisions; and
- Maintain and expand partnerships and engage diverse anglers, stakeholders and the general public on trout management and angling opportunities.

The Wisconsin DNR trout team developed the trout management plan with the input of a stakeholder team composed of individuals representing various groups across the state, such as anglers, landowners and farmers. The trout team met twice with the stakeholder group at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point to create the plan, and the stakeholder team also reviewed the draft plan.

In spring 2019, the department released a draft of the plan to the public and presented it at statewide public meetings for additional public input. The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board approved the plan at the October 2019 meeting. The final version of the plan will be used to guide trout management in Wisconsin over the next 10 years.

This plan can be accessed on the DNR website.



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