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Forest County Fair called off

Brenda Flannery, Forest County Fair Secretary
The Forest County Fair has been a family tradition for well over 100 years with our exhibitors bringing in their exhibits and helping us to showcase the talent and hard work that takes place throughout our county every year. We want each of you to know that we value you and your annual contributions as they are the heart of the county fair. It is through your hard work, that our buildings are full and beautiful, which makes your safety our first priority. With this in mind, we have been carefully watching the current public health emergency and considering how to best move forward with this year's fair while ensuring the health and safety of our volunteers, exhibitors and the general public.

While we hoped that things might improve by September and we could at least move forward with a modified event, it has become more and more apparent that COVID-19 and the public health emergency across our country is not leaving any time soon. It is with that realization and a heavy heart that the Forest County Fair Board has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Forest County Fair.

We feel that it is important to take this opportunity to assure all of our exhibitors and others who visit the fair, that this is a temporary set back meant to protect the health and safety of the residents in our county and we will be back at the historic Forest County Fairgrounds with a bigger and better celebration in 2021.

In the meantime, please continue to use your fair exhibitor books to prepare items to exhibit in 2021 and also check out our Facebook page for some special virtual activities as well as ways to stay connected in this time of uncertainty. We would also like to encourage all of our past exhibitors to watch the exhibitor's Facebook page for some virtual contests and fun. We would not let 2020 pass by without connecting and having some fair fun virtually!

We appreciate you all for your understanding and continued support of the Forest County Fair. We can't wait to see you all in person September 11th, 12th & 13th, 2021!
Brenda Flannery Forest County Fair Secretary Allen Flannery, Fair Manager/Agricultural Society President The Forest County Citizen's Fair Board Forest County Agricultural Society

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.

Great Lakes AIS Landing Blitz

Boaters and other recreators learn about the risks of spreading aquatic invasive species (AIS) at public and private boating access sites across the Great Lakes region every summer. The Great Lakes AIS "Landing Blitz" events take place over a two-week period, emphasizing the need to Clean, Drain, Dry boats whenever they come out of the water, and Dispose of any unwanted bait in the trash.

Local volunteers partner with state and provincial agencies to deliver consistent messaging about preventing the introduction and spread of AIS from the movement of watercraft and equipment between water bodies. Information on these events, including educational materials, locations and volunteer opportunities are posted on this page as they become available.

The Great Lakes AIS Landing Blitz is a multi-agency partnership effort. The 2020 event will take place between June 28 – July 5. Partners may also schedule additional events outside of these dates

Remember, as a boater you should:

- **CLEAN off visible aquatic plants, animals, and mud from all equipment before leaving water access
- **Rinse equipment and boat hulls (with high pressure, hot water when possible)
- **Rinse interior compartments of boats with low pressure, hot water (120°F)
- **Flush motor with hot water (120°F) for 2 minutes (or according to owner's manual)
- **DRAIN motor, bilge, livewell, and other water containing devices before leaving water access.
- **DRY everything for at least five days OR wipe with a towel before reuse.

For ANGLERS, the additional step of DISPOSE is recommended:

DISPOSE of unwanted bait, worms, and fish parts in the trash. When keeping live bait, drain bait container and replace with spring or dechlorinated tap water. Never dump live fish or other organisms from one water body into another.

Wabeno Steam Up Days



Wabeno's 34th Annual Steam-Up Days is this weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 10th, 11th, and 12th. This annual and well-liked event is at the Firefighters Grounds in Wabeno.

Friday evening is registration night for vendors, but the food and beer stand will be open.

On Saturday, you can see a shingle mill operate, watch logging competitions, a kiddie tractor pull, and other events, and from 2-5 p.m. there will be a memorial for longtime Steam-Up organizer and worker, Willard Ehlinger. This includes free drinks at the bar. The Lena Mini Mod Tractor Pulls are at 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the vendors and exhibitors will be on hand. Get in on the Cornhole Tournament and watch the horse pulls at noon.

And, it is always a good sight to see the famous Phoenix Log Hauler taken out of its display cage and operate on the grounds. For those who aren't aware of what the Phoenix is, it is in the photo below.



Lake Lucerne Boat Parade



On July 4th, boats gathered at Water's Edge at 10:30. Over 25 boats participated. The parade was led by Grand Marshal Roger in his seaplane. The parade was cheered on by many people gathering on their docks, boats n yards. A great time was had by all. Looking forward to next year!

See photos on page 16



Clean Boats, Clean Water

MADISON, Wis. - Wisconsin residents and visitors who are passionate about protecting our waters from aquatic invasive species know the impacts they can have on state waters and native species. For nearly 15 years Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) boat inspectors and educators have met boaters at lake and river launches to remind them that by taking simple preventative steps, they play a vital role. This summer, hundreds of launches will be staffed as usual by these friendly folks in their blue CBCW T-shirts, but most will also have on a cloth CBCW mask and maintain physical distancing. Continued on page 06

Forty-one cases of Covid-19 confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed two additional persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 41 cases in Forest County. These individuals are close contacts of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 outside of Forest County. The individuals are currently under investigation. No further information will be released to protect the confidentiality of the individuals. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individuals who tested positive had close contact with.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to minimize their contact with others by staying home when possible, practice physical distancing and good personal hygiene, wear a mask or cloth face covering, and stay alert for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are experiencing any symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please contact your health care provider and ask to be tested.

In an effort to keep our community members up to date on COVID-19, the Forest County Health Department will continue to update our Facebook page daily and local newspapers weekly with current COVID-19 case counts. This will include the number of negative and positive cases in Forest County. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

Argonne Day cancelled

We were notified that Argonne Day was cancelled for this year. This fun day in August has been called off due to the Covid pandemic. The Argonne Fire Dept. said that they appreciate the support this Fire Dept. event has always had.

The Fire Dept. is looking forward to next year. This will be the 100th Anniversary of the community being called Argonne. In 1921, the name North Crandon was put to rest, and the town was named in the honor of those who gave their lives in the Battle of the Argonne in WWI. This should be a great birthday bash!

Those who would like to support the Argonne Fire Dept. can do so by purchasing raffle tickets for the big annual Gun Raffle that is being drawn in November.

Lake Metonga Association 4th of July Boat Parade Raffle and Boat Contest Winners



July 4, 2020 should go down as one of the busiest boating days in Lake Metonga history.

Besides the hundreds of resident water craft, the lake was filled with boats visiting from all over the state. Once on the water, most sun seekers opted to park at the many sandy areas around the lake.

The Lake Association boat parade, "Honoring Frontline Workers", was watched by thousands of visitors. Many of the parade participants worked very hard in decorating their boats.

The winning entries to the event are as follows:

Judged Boat Division

- 1st place Melisa Duffek
- 2nd place Chris Mueller
- 3rd place Nolan Dallas
- 4th place Bonnie Chlopek

Winning raffle ticket numbers

- 2758073, 2758074, 2758077, 2758081, 2758089, 2758090, 2758091, and boat number 47 (one of our late entries).
- 6322493, 6322495, 6322496, 6322505, 6322509, 6322510, 6322569, 6322570,

Please call Gary Mueller at (715)478-2049 to make arrangements to pick up your prize.

See photos on page 16

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Bids & Notices

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Nicolet College announces Dean's List for Spring Term 2020

Numerous students from Forest County and the surrounding area earned a place on the Nicolet College Dean's List for the Spring Term 2020. 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 Ann Denton, Natasha K. Hanna.
- Crandon - Andrea E. Anderson, Brooke Erin Berdan, Michelle L. Berdan, Bryce J. Ginter, Trevor Steven Hefter, Michelle Lynn Huml, Ryan Steven Kalkofen, Sonya M. Knueppel, Alexandria S. McCorkle, Dallas C. Micolichuk, Dylan Raymond Potter, Danielle J. Smith, Joseph L. Tallier, Adam J. VanZile.
- Fence - Jared B. Knutson
- Lakewood - Elizabeth Fawn Reed
- Laona - Kaylee Susan Babich, Caitlin Orchid Rose Cassidy, Amira Marie Erdmann, Carson J. Kalata, Jade R. Kitchmaster, Jarrett J. Lane, Angelica L. Lemerande, Gregory John Matuszewski.
- Pickerel - Makayla Lee Siebers.



- 5 - Vehicle Lockout(s)
- 4 - Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s)
- 1 - Window Tint Violation(s)(4 CITATIONS)
- 19 - Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 6 - Warning(s) to ATV/UTV Operator(s)/Passenger(s)
- 32 - Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

Regular Meeting Agenda Laona Board of Education Monday, July 13, 2020 5:30 p.m. C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Scott Reeves
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Bills and Claims
 - B. Meeting Minutes
6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Quarterback Club Buildings
 - B. Walk In Cooler Bids
 - C. High School Student Handbook Updates
 - D. Elementary Student Handbook Updates
 - E. Certified Staff Supplement Changes
 - F. Employee handbook updates
 - G. Seclusion and Restraint Report for 2019-2020
 - H. Building/Playground Usage Discussion
 - I. Return to School During COVID Action Plans
7. Informational Items:
 - A. Business Manager's Report
 - B. Elementary Principal's Report
 - C. Administrator/HS Principal's Report
 - D. Board Member Reports
8. Enter Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
 - A. Personnel
9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.
10. Adjourn:

Notes: "This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s)"

CITY OF CRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF PACKARD JUNE 2020 CPD Activity Report:

- 1 - Abandoned Vehicle/Property Incident(s)
- 3 - Accident(s)
- 7 - Animal Incident(s) (1 CITATION)
- 5 - Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
- 10 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 5 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drug Related)
- 2 - Assist Rescue
- 2 - Assist Other Agency
- 5 - ATV/UTV Incident(s)
- 1 - Breaking & Entering/Burglary Incident(s)
- 2 - Burning Complaint(s)
- 1 - Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)
- 2 - Civil Matter/Dispute(s)
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
- 3 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para and/or Poss. (2 CITATIONS)
- 1 - Death Notification
- 3 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (1 CITATION ISSUED / 1 ARREST)
- 2 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
- 1 - Fire Complaint(s)
- 1 - Fireworks Incident(s)
- 3 - Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
- 1 - Fraudulent/Illegal Use of Credit Card Incident(s)
- 2 - Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)
- 2 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 17 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 - Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)(1 ARREST)
- 2 - Liquor Law Violation(s) (1 CITATION)
- 2 - Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
- 1 - Lost/Missing/Runaway Person(s)
- 1 - Noise/Disturb Peace Incident(s)
- 1 - O.W.I. (1 ARREST / 1 CITATION)
- 1 - Probation/Parole Violation(s)
- 3 - Property Dispute Incident(s)
- 24 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
- 2 - Sexual Abuse/Assault or Possible Sexual Abuse/Assault Incident(s)
- 2 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 2 - Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s) (1 CITATION ISSUED)
- 3 - Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 2 - Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
- 2 - Unsecured Door/Window Incident(s)

District of Wabeno Area Regular School Board Meeting Wednesday, June 3, 2020 High School Library - Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator.
Board Members Absent: None
Administrative Members Absent: William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director (in order to keep number of attendees down due to COVID 19)
Others Present: Laurie Christianson
Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2)).
Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion made by Lori Mattern seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.
Public Participation: None.
Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion made by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Organizational School Board Meeting minutes of May 6, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Special School Board Meeting minutes of May 13, 2020. Carried 6 to 0. Janet Opiela abstained.
Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 81018 to 81088 for \$276,923.68 and payroll checks 900040479 to 900040665 for \$201,590.72, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$112,912.08. Carried 7 to 0.
Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, shared his updates and upcoming events with the Board. He also presented updates from William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director:
Dawn Jakubiec thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Roller Booster Club, and personal donors for the bags and banners for the seniors. Graduation was phenomenal. Great job by everyone! Thank you to Mrs. Boor and Mrs. Peterson also for your contributions.
Lori Mattern thanked Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Boor and anyone else who worked to make graduation happen and really nice for the seniors. It made the students feel better about the situation.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction Goals for the 2020-2021 school year. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the Seclusion and Restraint report for the 2019-2020 school year. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to adopt the Resolution for the Classification of Fund Balances in Governmental Funds for the School District of Wabeno Area for the 2019-2020 school year. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to accept the resignation of Lead Child Care teacher Laura Spink with thanks from the Board. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to accept the resignation of Nick Lowery, regarding his role as Rebel Drama Director only, effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year with thanks from the Board. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to accept the changes to the Staff Handbook with further changes as discussed. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve District Office summer hours of 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to approve policies 0121, 0142.5, 0143, 0144.3, 164.2, 167.6, 167.7, 1130, 1213, 1461, 1662, 2210, 2260, 2260.01, 2261, 2261.01, 2261.03, 2271.01, 2370, 2700.01, 3122.01, 3161, 3213, 3230, 3340, 3362, 3430, 4122.01, 4161, 4213, 4230, 4340, 4362, 4430, 5113, 5200, 5200.01, 5330, 5517, 5630, 6605, 6800, 7440.01, 7540.03, 8310, 8315, 8320, 8320.01, 8330, 8390, 9130, 100, 7540.02, 7540.04, 7544 with changes as discussed. Policies 6320 and 6325 will be revisited next month. Policy 7450 was incorrectly noted and 7540 will also be reviewed next month. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to approve the Elementary Reading Language Arts Curriculum. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to approve 2 new Open Enrollment in students and 6 new Open Enrollment out students for the 2020-21 school year. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to go into closed session at 7:32 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e). Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.
The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:
a. District Administration Evaluation.
Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to return to open session at 9:22 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Janet Opiela to adjourn at 9:23 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

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Keeping our sense of humor

In spite of the bad time the country is experiencing, our sense of humor hasn't been killed. The following comments were sent to us in an email from a friend. Some are worth sharing.

So let me get this straight, there's no cure for a virus that can be killed by sanitizer and hand soap?

I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. They will be called the C-19 Babies and the number one names will be Charmin and Scott.

Is it too early to put up the Christmas tree yet? I have run out of things to do.

When this virus thing is over with... I still want some of you to stay away from me.

If these last few weeks have taught us anything, it is that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.

Just wait a second--so what you're telling me is that my chance of surviving all this is directly linked to the common sense of others?

People are scared of getting fined for congregating in crowds. As if catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death wasn't enough of a deterrent.

If you believe all this will end and we will get back to normal once we reopen everything...Raise your hand. Now slap yourself with it.

Another Saturday night in the house and I just realized, even the trash goes out more than me.

Whoever decided a liquor store is more essential than a hair salon is obviously a bald headed alcoholic!

Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them? Those would be helpful now!

The spread of Covid-19 is based on two factors:

1. How dense the population is
2. How dense the population is

Remember all those times when you wished the weekend would last forever. Well, wish granted. Happy now?

Did a BIG load of pajamas so I would have enough clean work clothes for this week.

For Old Time's Sake



The Argonne School was the first or one of the first in the state to be a consolidated school district. This meant that all the country kids quit attending the surrounding one-room schools and were bussed in to town to the new school. This would have been in about 1908.

This was a grade school and a high school, until around 1940, when the high schoolers were transported to Crandon High School. The grade school operated until the new school was built on the big hill west of Crandon.

The school was heated with wood. Those little planted trees were big shade trees when the fifties rolled around, making a nice looking school yard. Some are likely still there.

Fire destroyed the empty school building, and it still looks strange to old Argonne residents not to have this landmark school standing.

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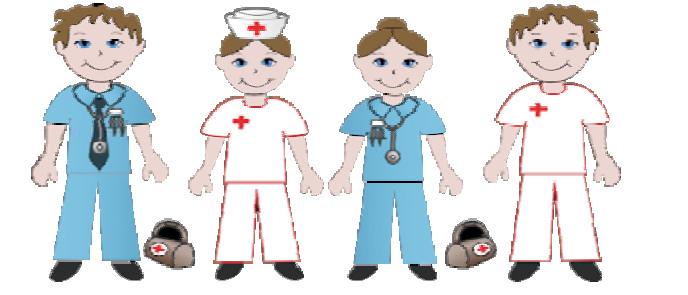
Nurse Pinning Ceremony welcomes Nicolet students into the profession

The time-honored Nurse Pinning Ceremony took place recently at Nicolet College as 26 students completed the rigorous Associate Degree Nursing program at the college and were welcomed into the nursing profession.

The history of this symbol of service to others can be traced back 10 centuries to when monks tended to the injured fighting in the Crusades. The modern ceremony dates back to the 1860s when Florence Nightingale began presenting medals of excellence to her students. Over the years this evolved into what is now the Pinning Ceremony which is a traditional rite of passage for nurses.

The ceremony this year at Nicolet had to be modified in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of sitting side by side in a large group, students remained in their cars and listened to faculty as the instructors addressed the graduates. Nicolet also live-streamed the event over Facebook for families and friends who could not attend the event due to restrictions.

Students who finished Nicolet's Associate Degree Nursing program this spring and received pins include Kristin Washatko, Antigo; Andrea Anderson and Danielle Smith, both of Crandon; Erica Haubert, Catawba; Kaylee Babich and Angelica Lemerande, both of Laona; Callie Baldrige, Dominica Grmick, and Ramsey Nowak, all of Eagle River; Rebecca Snider and Katie Behn, both of Minocqua; Lydia Black, Pelican Lake; Rachel Bauer, Kayla Gebert, Tiffany Hauser, Kelly Hofstetter Helgeson, LisaMarie Zarda, Kaitlyn Juedes, Jennifer Polinski, Kayla Schilleman, and Kassie Vassar, all of Rhinelander; Jenna Cottrell and Danielle Riebe, both of Tomahawk; Ryan Bresnahan, Karly Steinhage and Laura Uhlig, all of Woodruff.



STEM Day Camp in Laona on July 27th



The Samoset Council will be running a STEM Day Camp on July 27th from 8:30-4 p.m. at the Silver Lake Pavilion in Laona. Please join us for fun, hands on experiments exploring science, technology, engineering, and math!

The event is open to the public but registration is required. All youth going into grades 3rd-6th are invited to attend. There are brand new activities this summer and the Vortex, the mobile STEM laboratory will be back! There will be local STEM professionals volunteering and sharing their knowledge.

There will be precautions in place to keep everyone safe at the event including social distancing, masks, cleaning all surfaces and equipment, hand sanitizer, and limiting group size.

To participate please sign up at: Samoset.org/stem. There are scholarships available when you register online. If you have questions please contact Amanda Flannery at stemscouts@samoset.org or 715-409-6690.

Antigo Tater Trot goes virtual for 2020

Due to Covid-19 and the recommendations to avoid large gatherings, the 2020 Antigo Tater Trot, presented by CoVantage Credit Union and Volm Companies, will be a virtual-only event as the committee considers the health and safety of its participants a priority. While participants cannot be together in-person, event directors encourage the Tater Trot community to come together and support each other during these challenging times.

Tater Trot participants can register online by Saturday, August 1 for the distance of your choice: 10K Run, 3.75 Mile Run/Walk, or 1 Mile Run. Registration for the Virtual Event will only be available online. Run or walk your race anytime between August 3 and August 9; you can run any course you would like while adhering to physical distancing guidelines that are in place at that time. Results will be submitted electronically, and participants will receive a race shirt via mail or pickup.

"We appreciate our Tater Trot community more than they know," said Melissa Wilhelm, Race Director. "Things won't be the same this year, but we look forward to celebrating the perseverance and dedication to the community through this very special virtual event. We look forward to coming back, stronger than ever, for our 40th anniversary event in 2021."

Individuals can visit www.antigotatertrot.com for more information or to register. Complete details and procedures for this event will be published prior to the race and emailed to those who have registered.

Death Notices



Nathlie S. "Tillie" Wall, age 102, of Blackwell, WI formerly of Armstrong Creek, WI passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at The Bay of Nu-Roc Health Care Center. Nathlie was born December 25, 1917 in Passaic, New Jersey the daughter of Steve and Catherine (Bednarczyk) Pierwola.

At the age of four, Tillie's family moved to Armstrong Creek where her family purchased a farm. Tillie attended Bonneval School through the 8th grade, that was the end of her formal education. She was needed on the farm, and her and her sisters, Angeline, Ann and Helen did farm work. Nathlie married Tony Wall when she was 21, they had three children, Chester, Mary Ann and Veronica. Tillie and Tony owned and operated a dairy farm in Armstrong Creek for over 60 years. They also worked at the Goodman Lumber Mill for a period of time.

Tillie was a parishioner of the St. Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church in Armstrong Creek and participated in various fund raisers for the church in her younger days.

Tillie loved polka music and dancing the polka as well. Tillie enjoyed crocheting and has made afghans for her many friends and family. Tillie enjoyed puzzles, tending to her plants and playing the marbles/aggravation board game...Tillie also made the best Apple pies.

Tillie worked long and hard for many years and perhaps that kept her healthy for all these years and enabled her to live to the age of "102".

She is survived by her children, Mary Ann (Ron) Stammer, Downers Grove, IL; Veronica (Bruce) Wilczynski, Crest Hill, IL; Chester (Patricia) Wall, Manteno, IL; three grandchildren, Steve, Julie and Dawn. She is further survived by six great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Catherine; husband, Tony; sisters, Angeline (Joe) Wall; Helen (Joe) Snyder and Anna (Louis) Stankevich.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2020 from 4-7 p.m. at the Weber-Hill Funeral Home, Crandon. Funeral mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, July 3 at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, Armstrong Creek with Father Timothy Brandt officiating. Interment will be at the Pine Hill Cemetery, Armstrong Creek. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com



Carole Jean (Valley) Samz, 79, was taken to heaven on June 28, 2020 by her Savior Jesus. She was born in Wabeno on March 10, 1941, to Howard and Ethel (Beck) Valley. Carole was the second oldest of nine siblings. Carole spent her school years in Wabeno. After graduation, she worked in the Fox River Valley area and in Milwaukee. She married John Samz of Mishicot on June 2, 1962.

Carole was the mother of four children, Michael, married to Juanita, of Green River, WY, Kevin, married to Tammy, of New Bern, NC, Dean, married to Kristin, of Fremont, WI, and Rene, married to Sean Tomasek, of Appleton, WI. She was the grandmother to six grandchildren, Levi, Tyler, Kiley, Alex, Connor and Avery; a great grandson Jackson, a sister to, Barbara Ludeman, Belle (Jim) Samz, Rebecca Valley, Gary (Margarita) Valley, Jeffrey (Claire) Valley, Lynn Valley, Rhonda (Jeff) Kroll;

Carole was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Michael, and her loving son, Dean.

Visitation will be at the Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church in Wabeno on Friday, July 10, 2020, from 9 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m. with Pastors R. Lee Jennings Jr. and Bruce Dailey officiating. Burial will be in St. Ambrose Catholic Cemetery, Wabeno.

Lloyd A. Fulcer, Funeral Director, 715-473-2541



Judy Marie Noffke, age 76, of Wabeno, passed away unexpectedly at her home on Saturday, July 4, 2020. Judy was born in Wabeno on December 1, 1943 the daughter of Harry A. and Anna (Zingler) Nelson.

Judy graduated from Wabeno High School in 1961. After graduation, she met and later married Ron Noffke in 1962. They lived in Milwaukee until Ron's retirement in 1996 at which time they moved back to Wabeno.

Judy enjoyed gardening, hiking, taking long walks, fishing and bird hunting with Ron.

She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and taking them to the lake.

She is survived by daughters, Jeanine Noffke, Wabeno; Teresa Noffke, Appleton; sister, Diane (Dan) Gierach, Saukville; brother, Harry A. (Carmen) Nelson, West Allis; grandchildren, Ryan (Jessica) McKenzie; Adam Khammanivong, Kaitlyn Ashbeck & Abigail Ashbeck; great grandchildren, Jack McKenzie, Miles McKenzie and Levi McKenzie.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wabeno. Funeral service will follow at 12:00 noon with Pastor Cody Hauch officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Wabeno. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

Kenneth R. Goodrich, 78, of Crandon, WI passed away Sunday, June 28, 2020 at the Tomah VA Medical Center, Tomah. Kenneth was born March 24, 1942 in Milwaukee the son of Henrey and Mildred (Schermer) Goodrich. Kenneth served in the U.S. Marines from 1959 until 1963 then served in the U.S. Army National Guard from 1979 until 1994. He was united in marriage on December 31, 1965 to Delores Niemeir in Hartford, WI.

Kenneth loved to be at the VFW and the DAV, he enjoyed hunting, baking bread, cakes and cookies.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Delores Goodrich; daughter, Terrie (Larry) Rook; Barbie (Steve) Hause; sons, Keath Goodrich; Doug Goodrich; 7 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; sister, Kathy; brothers, Bob (Toni) Goodrich; Dave (Carol) Goodrich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henrey and Mildred; sister, Marylin; brothers, Fritz, Ben, Joe Goodrich.

Graveside Military Honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #94 Crandon, at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery.

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

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Lisa, Bonnie, Pam & Brad

Johnson Modifies Proposal to Protect Taxpayers

WASHINGTON U.S. senators Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) and James Lankford (R-Okla.) said Friday they are withdrawing a proposed substitute amendment meant to protect taxpayers from the fiscal burden of having to fund an 11th paid holiday for federal employees. Separately, Senator Johnson announced his intention to introduce a modified substitute amendment to achieve the same goal should the Senate decide to celebrate Juneteenth Day by giving federal employees another paid day off.

Federal employees already are given 10 paid holidays a year, and the Senate earlier this week was on track to approve, without discussion, debate or even a recorded vote, the addition of Juneteenth Day as an 11th paid holiday. The cost to taxpayers of an added federal holiday has been estimated at approximately \$600 million. Senator Johnson, while lauding the value of commemorating the emancipation of slaves, objected to the carelessness of adding hundreds of millions of dollars a year to the existing \$26.2 trillion federal debt even as 17.8 million Americans remain unemployed, due to covid-related lockdowns.

"Although the substitute amendment I offered to the Juneteenth holiday bill had the desired effect of slowing down the passage of a new paid day off for federal workers, many were not happy with the proposal to swap a holiday celebrating emancipation with Columbus Day," said Senator Johnson in explaining his modified proposal.

"Let me reiterate: I suggested Columbus Day for the swap because few Americans in the private sector get it as a paid holiday, and as a result, it is lightly celebrated, and would not be disruptive to most Americans' schedules. I was in no way deprecating Christopher Columbus' achievements or expressing any value judgment regarding his place in history. As I stated in an interview with the Milwaukee Press Club last Friday, I do not support efforts to erase America's rich history not the good, the bad or the ugly.

"Rather than allow another paid day off for federal workers to pass without debate, or even a vote, I wanted to start a discussion, and I did. In fact, I received a number of very good suggestions. Accordingly, the original amendment is being withdrawn and I am introducing a modified one.

"Instead of eliminating a current holiday to make room for Juneteenth Day, I will be proposing to reduce the number of paid leave days federal employees receive, to offset the cost of the new holiday celebrating emancipation. This modification both preserves Columbus Day and the dollars of hard-working taxpayers."

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GARAGE SALE Argonne: Thursday, Friday, Saturday July 9-11, 8 am - 4 pm. Lots of treasures, household furniture, collectibles, inside and out. Early Birds and pickers welcome P14

RUMMAGE SALE: Second Weekend, but additional families added new treasures. Friday July 10th and Saturday July 11th 9a.m. - 3 p.m. 4362 Plank Rd. Crandon. Off of Airport Rd. Lake Metonga.

RUMMAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday July 17th and 18th 9 am - 3 pm. Selling the house. Lots of household misc. Some furniture, women's clothes, new electric lift chair, ipad, JoAnne Votis residence, main street, Hiles P15

RUMMAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday July 10th and 11th from 8-3 at Laona Community Building. Many household items, lots of like new inside/outside décor, new couch, bedding, name brand clothes, kids toys, and unique items. Condensing and cleaning!!! WS 14

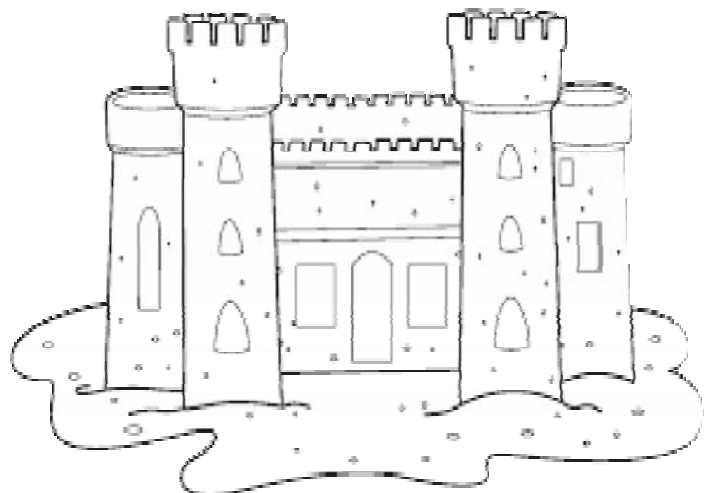
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RUMMAGE SALE: Troy & Kellie Wagoner residence, 9387 Cty Rd. NN, Argonne, WI. Friday July 10th 4:00 pm to 8 pm, Saturday, July 11th- 8:am to 2:00pm. No pre-sales. Lots of misc. household items, furniture, dishes, clothes, primitive decor a and more. P 14

Hole in One at Maplewood!



Melissa Rosio aced #6 during a Fundraiser for the Pearson-Pickerel Lions Club on Monday. Great shot, Missy!



Clean Boats Cont. from pg. 1

"We know that the prevention guidance of inspect, remove, drain, never move is effective at preventing the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals," said Erin McFarlane, the Statewide CBCW Educator with the University of Wisconsin-Extension Lakes Program. "Taking a minute or two to remove all the plants, animals, mud and debris from your boat and trailer while draining water from the bilge and live well is all it takes to prevent a new invasive species from establishing in your favorite lake or river."

Surveys of Wisconsin boaters and anglers show that most boaters perform these actions nearly every time they are on the water. However, infrequent boaters may not be aware of the prevention steps and even frequent boaters might forget. McFarlane notes that if CBCW staff are not at a launch, boaters can support each other by modeling good prevention behavior. "Every boater and angler has a role to play in protecting our lakes and rivers. We're thankful for people currently doing their part," she said.

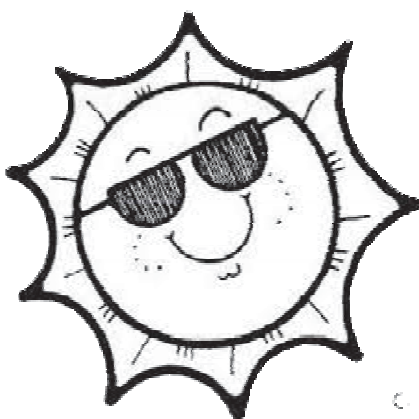
There are some changes to the special CBCW campaigns. Ice packs are normally offered to anglers and boaters in early June during the Drain Campaign to remind anglers to drain all water out of livewells and buckets before leaving the launch area. Similarly, boat towels with the "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!" campaign logo are typically given out during the annual Landing Blitz held during the week of July Fourth. For the health of the boat inspectors and the public they interact with, program coordinators are recommending that these free reminders not be given out this summer.

The campaigns have been merged and will take place statewide from now through July 5. Boat inspectors will still share the AIS prevention message and help boaters learn where to look for hidden invasive species on their watercraft and equipment while following safety guidelines to keep themselves and the public safe. Participation in CBCW inspections is voluntary and can take place unless the launch is in an area where local restrictions or personal safety concerns prevent it.

For the second year, Wisconsin's campaigns are aligned with the Great Lakes Region Landing Blitz in all the Great Lakes states and provinces. Many are setting up virtual events. Check out the Great Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species Landing Blitz here: www.glc.org/work/blitz Lastly, remember:

- Inspect boats, trailers and equipment for attached aquatic plants or animals.
- Remove all attached plants or animals
- Drain all water from boats, motors, livewells and other equipment
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash
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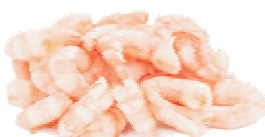
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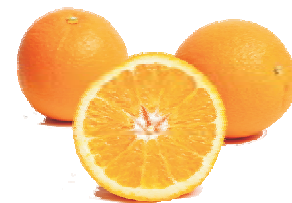
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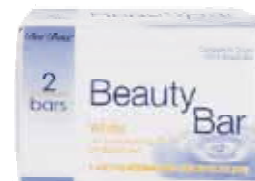
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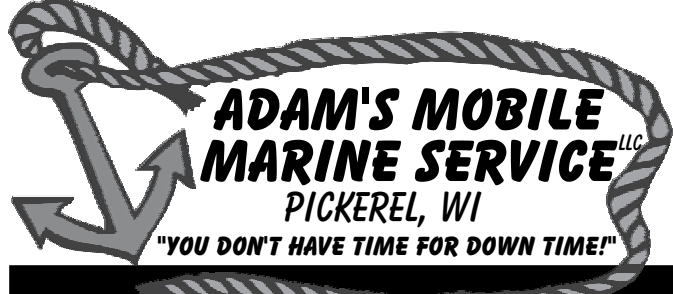
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2. Online: Visit www.checklifeline.org. The online portal may be accessed by the customer or by someone working with that person, including advocates, consumers, benefit specialists, or phone companies.

3. Paper: You can download the paper application and mail it in. https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/lifeline/documents/forms/LI_Application_NVstates.pdf.

To apply for Lifeline, you will need to provide the following information: full name; birthdate; last four digits of Social Security Number; and address. The national system will check for eligibility based on receipt of low-income programs. If you're not eligible based on receipt of public benefits, then you'll need to submit documentation demonstrating income qualification.

If you're eligible through the online or paper application, you need to contact one of your local telecommunications providers. Under the federal rules, providers are the only entities authorized to enroll a customer in Lifeline. A provider cannot enroll a customer without an eligibility determination from the National Verifier system.

New Helpline:

If you have questions or need assistance, the new Lifeline Internet & Phone Helpline is (608) 267-3595.

Changes to Lifeline Program

Lifeline is a federal and state program that provides affordable access to internet and phone services through monthly discounts. There have been some recent federal changes in how Lifeline program eligibility is determined.

Eligibility
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• Programs: If you already receive Medicaid, FoodShare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal public housing assistance (Section 8), or Veterans and Survivors Pension benefit, you are automatically eligible for Lifeline.

• Income: If you have a household income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines, then you are also eligible for Lifeline.

Current Lifeline Participants
 Current Lifeline participants who are eligible by income only (not through public benefits programs) may have received a request for additional eligibility determination information, or a notice of disenrollment when program re-verification began late May, 2020. You'll need to send in proof of income according to the directions on the notice.

New Lifeline Applicants
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DMV's most popular form gets an upgrade

New online guide customizes title or registration application, estimates fees

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) continues its focus on customer service and innovation by simplifying its most-used form, the Title/License Plate Application (MV1). DMV created a new online guide to walk customers through the detailed application and to estimate fees.

"This new online guide takes the guesswork out for customers," DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman said. "Individuals who want to title a vehicle or apply for license plates will be lead step-by-step through the application. All the fees will be assessed for the customer's specific situation and location."

More than 9,600 customers each month use the Title/License Plate Application MV1 form. With this online guide, available at MV1.WI.GOV, screens are customized to the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and information provided. This online guide can be used for:

- A vehicle title only
- New license plates, including some special plates
- Both vehicle title and registration
- Transfer plates

DMV's new MV1 online application guide helps customers estimate the fees:

- The title fee
- The 5 percent state sales tax, unless the individual fits one of nine exemptions

The local sales tax, which varies depending on which county the vehicle will be kept in

Miscellaneous fees, including electric or hybrid surcharge, wheel tax established by municipalities, gross weight fees for vehicles larger than autos

Processing fees

"Estimating the correct fees is the most common error we see on this form and the biggest cause for delays in customers getting their plates or titles," Boardman said.

Most Wisconsin vehicle owners currently have three options to title or register a vehicle they purchased through a private sale. They can use DMV's completely-automated process (eMV Public), a 3rd party agent, or finish the application themselves and mail the documents to DMV.

Some individuals, like those who bought a vehicle out-of-state, don't qualify for the online eMV Public automatic process and must work through the Title/License Plate Application (MV1) themselves. Using this new MV1 Online Application Guide to fill in the fields, estimate the fees, and print the application simplifies the process

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The safety protocols are for the protection of students and instructors, and the communities where they live. The DNR will continue to prioritize the safety of the public, volunteer instructors, and department staff when determining protocols for resuming in-person recreational safety classes.

CLASS TIMELINE

The DNR's Recreational Safety and Outdoor Section will work collaboratively with our volunteer instructors and partners to reopen our safety classes. The timeline is as follows:

- Instructors may start to enroll classes into GoWild on Sunday, June 28.
- Classes may start Monday, July 13.

SAFETY CLASS PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT THESE CHANGES:

- Social distancing of 6 feet between participants
- Maximum of 50 participants in any one class
- Attendees strongly recommended to wear face covering
- Sanitizing of class equipment
- Availability and use of hand sanitizer
- Outdoor class instruction where possible

There have been over 20,000 volunteers who have helped educate the hunters of Wisconsin and approximately 1.2 million hunters have been certified. Incident rates for gun deer accidents continue to decrease with 9 years of gun deer seasons with no fatalities.

The DNR remains strongly committed to the health and safety of recreational safety course instructors and students. The department continues to receive the most up-to-date information and will adjust operations as conditions change. Learn more about the DNR Safety Education Program here.

For specific information regarding COVID-19 we encourage the public to frequently monitor the DHS website for updates, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.*

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Hunter education classes to resume

MADISON, Wis. - In-person hunter and recreational vehicle education classes will resume July 13 under a set of guidelines and safety protocols released Friday by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Recreational Safety and Outdoor Skills Section under Phase II of the Wisconsin State Government Bounce Back Plan.

The in-person hunter and recreational vehicle education classes resuming July 13 are for courses with 50 people or less. Based on a review of enrollment data for DNR hunter safety courses over the past three years, less than 2% of the more than 2,200 courses provided exceeded 50 attendees.

In March, the DNR temporarily suspended all in-person hunter education and recreational safety classes due to public health advisories relating to COVID-19. At the same time, the DNR also canceled, adjusted and postponed an array of other in-person public events, meetings, trainings and agency operations to protect public health.

The suspension reflected the dedication to safety by the DNR and the program; and, provided the time to establish classroom guidelines to keep students and instructors as safe as possible from COVID-19 exposures.

The COVID-19 public health steps go beyond providing the educational safety courses for hunting, boating and off-highway vehicles, and will remain part of the safety class environment as classes start in July.

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