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DNR Ruffed Grouse Forecast



Season opens Saturday, Sept. 12

Ruffed grouse are the most widely distributed nonmigratory game bird in North America. However, a loss of early successional forest habitat has challenged grouse populations. Ruffed grouse are a habitat specialist due to their strong reliance on young forest habitat. After passage of a permanent rule, the ruffed grouse season will close Jan. 3, 2021 in Zone A, which encompasses the northern portion of the state. In 2018 and 2019, the season ended on Jan. 3 under an emergency rule. The Natural Resources Board made the rule permanent, with the ruffed grouse season now ending on the Sunday nearest Jan. 6.

For the third year, the DNR will collect hunter-harvested samples from ruffed grouse to test for the presence of West Nile virus (WNV). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, new test kits will not be available this year. The DNR asks all hunters who received but did not fill a kit from a previous season to send in a sample from this year's harvest. More information on the WNV survey, past results and 2020 data collection is available on the DNR website.

Editor's Note: This is the ruffed grouse forecast from the DNR website. There is no listing of drumming counts or an idea if the grouse population is up or down. Those who like to grouse hunt will go hunting no matter what the "forecast" says, but their forecast gives no idea of whether or not the grouse population is up or down.

So grab your gun and go hunting. Even if the birds are hard to find, you will get that exercise your doctor always talks about.

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.

As you head out to the Woodlot this Fall, watch out for these 2020 Fall Invasive Pests.

Asian Long horned Beetle

Asian Long horned Beetle (ALB)- While ALB has not been discovered in Wisconsin, the USDA is encouraging landowners to spend a few short minutes checking trees for this invasive pest. August and September are an ideal time to spot this beetle as they emerge from trees. The quicker this pest is discovered and reported, the easier it will be to eradicate. ALB attacks a variety of trees including maple, elm, ash, birch, poplar, and willow. Signs of infestation include dime-sized exit holes, shallow scars in bark, sawdust material on ground, tree branches, dead branches, and the beetle itself.

Gypsy Moth Egg Masses

The eastern two-thirds of the Wisconsin is considered generally infested and is quarantined. The quarantine prohibits the movement of items that could harbor gypsy moth eggs, caterpillars or adults and allow them to be moved to uninfested areas.

While out checking your woods for Asian Long horned Beetle signs, it is also a good time to check for egg masses of gypsy moth. Egg masses are laid in August on hardwood trees. There have been increasing reports of gypsy moth in southeastern and central Wisconsin counties. Doing an egg mass survey of your trees is an easy way to predict next year's population of caterpillars and the damage they most likely will do. While trees that are healthy can tolerate a single defoliation, it's always good to have early warning.

Spotted Lanternfly

This pest has not been found in Wisconsin. Landowners in southern counties where Tree of Heaven (it's preferred host!) is established, will need to put this pest on early watch. Spotted Lanternfly adults feed on grapevines and tree of heaven, while the nymphs prefer grapes, hops, roses, and hardwoods such as walnut, maple, willow and poplar.

The Spotted Lanternfly is a type of true bug called a planthopper, even though it may look like a butterfly or moth to some people when its wings are open. Despite having four wings, it prefers to move by jumping rather than by flying.

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Art in the Square-Crandon



The leaves are turning, the air is crisp, and it's time for the annual "Art in the Square" taking place on Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. The Forest County Courthouse Square, located on Crandon's main street, provides a beautiful, tree-filled backdrop for this popular autumn event sponsored annually by the Forest County Chamber of Commerce.

This year's event will be scaled back hosting up to 60 vendors, double spaced with artists and crafters spaces. Participants from all parts of Wisconsin, as well as Michigan and Minnesota, will set up booths with fine quality items for show and sale. Original arts and crafts will be juried and prizes will be awarded. The First Place winner will be awarded \$150.00, Second Place, \$100.00, and 3rd Place, \$50.00.

The popular Flea Market section will be set up along Polk Street once again. A variety of great fall home made foods will be available to delight all tastes in the center food court. Brandt's Horse Drawn Wagon Rides will be on hand for leisurely rides around the courthouse square. We will have music live streaming throughout the grounds.

Area restaurants have some great specials to offer; and, you won't want to miss the bargains available through the area retailers! Plan to bring your family and friends (admission is free) and enjoy Art in the Square in beautiful downtown Crandon. For further information contact (715) 478-3450 or info@visitforestcounty.com.

2020 Census heading into final month

Forest County response rate is only 35%

The Census Bureau is doing everything it can to count everyone living in the United States in the 2020 Census. Wisconsin's self-response rate sits at 71.2 percent as of August 31st, which is behind the 2010 self-response rate of 73.5 percent. Forest County's self-response rate is 35 percent.

By law, the Census Bureau must provide the first results from the 2020 Census by December 31. These results are used to determine how many seats each state gets in Congress. To provide complete and accurate results by that deadline, the Census is doing everything it can to collect a response from every household by September 30. The Census is urging households to respond, maximizing staff and production hours, and ensuring data quality along the way.

Census takers are now visiting households that haven't responded yet. Census takers are wearing masks and following social distancing guidelines. In most cases, census workers will make up to six attempts at each address to count possible residents—this is the same number of attempts the Census Bureau has been planning all along. Census takers are also calling some households to help them respond to the census. This provides one more way to count hard-to-reach communities and people who have not yet responded.

The Census Bureau continues to urge households to respond through its multilingual advertising campaign and through the efforts of nearly 400,000 partner organizations. They urge everyone to respond now or when a census taker comes to your door—and to encourage everyone you know to do the same.

Should you have any questions about the final push of the 2020 Census or more broadly about Census operations, please let us know.

Our Deadline is Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

112 cases of Covid-19 (27 active) confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed additional persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) for a total of 112 cases in Forest County. The individuals are isolating at home. 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. As of today, Forest County has 2,131 negative test results and 24 pending. There are currently 27 active cases in isolation, 78 released from isolation, 4 hospitalizations, and 4 deaths.

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.

Preventing the spread of Coronavirus

Local leaders encourage vigilance to help our community

Crandon, Wisconsin- We are now seeing cases in Forest County because of people attending gatherings and socializing outside of their normal family activities. Community members can assume that anywhere they go in public they have a chance of becoming infected with COVID-19, especially at establishments or events where recommendations to maintain physical distancing of 6 feet and take safety precautions, such as wearing a face covering, are not widely observed.

During this pandemic, there is greater risk for individuals who come into "close contact" with each other. This generally means they are within 6 feet or less with others for 15 minutes or longer. The closeness of contact with another person not from your immediate household and the greater the length of time spent near each other are key factors that increase the opportunity of the virus to spread.

"We know people are tired of being told to limit their contact with people outside their household and limit their travel. However, COVID-19 remains very contagious, and physical separation is the best way to keep people safe and healthy," said Jacee Shepard, Director/Health Officer of the Forest County Health Department. "Our goal is to support a healthy community and a vibrant economy by providing our community with the tools needed to prevent and respond to the spread of disease in Forest County."

As a community we all must work harder and together to keep COVID-19 from spreading out of control while businesses safely increase employee and customer capacity. In Forest County, our contact tracers hear from about 1 in 5 people with a positive test that they don't know where they could've gotten it from. This means that people in our community are passing it to others because they have the virus but no symptoms, do not yet have symptoms, or are working or socializing while sick. This underscores the importance of all of us taking actions to prevent the spread of the virus.

You can enjoy the beautiful fall weather by getting outside, but make sure to do it safely. Fall won't be the same without attending your usual large festivals, but hiking on the trails, taking bike rides, and enjoying the fall colors with your family are a few alternatives to support our mental and physical well-being as we learn how to protect ourselves and our community from COVID-19.

Staying home is best way to prevent the virus from spreading without control. When you do go out, you can follow these "safer" practices to reduce risk for you, and your family and community:

Prevent spreading COVID-19

-- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available

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Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) detected in new counties

The Emerald Ash Borer is a very small, metallic green beetle (about the size of a grain of cooked rice). While adult beetles are not visible at this time of year, they feed exclusively on ash trees. Look for thinning or die-back of the upper crown of the tree and woodpecker damage as the larvae eat the bole of the tree under the bark.

Along with WI DNR, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has detected emerald ash borer (EAB) for the first time in the following counties: Dunn (town of Rock Creek), Oconto (town of Little Suamico), Pepin (towns of Lima and Waterville), and Shawano (city of Shawano).

These are the first new county detections of 2020 for Wisconsin. There have also been 30 new municipal detections in counties where EAB was previously detected. To this date, 56 out of 72 Wisconsin counties have EAB present.

WI DNR has produced Silvicultural Guidelines for EAB to assist woodland owners in managing this infestation.



Two holes-in-one at Maplewood Golf Course-Pickerel

Carl VanZile got a hole-in-one on the par 3 #3 at Maplewood Golf Course in Pickerel on September 3rd, and Andy Liederbach aced the same hole on September 5th. Way to go, guys!



Andy Liederbach



Carl VanZile

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Covid Spread Cont. from pg. 1

- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your face in public
- Stay home when sick
- Practice physical distancing of at least 6 feet from people not in your immediate household
- Avoid large gatherings
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Wear a cloth face covering in situations where physical distancing can't be maintained
- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19
- Fever and chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Fatigue and body/muscle aches
- Diarrhea, vomiting and nausea

Help contain COVID-19

- Track the places you visited and how long you were there
 - Make a note (if possible) of who you were with if they are not a member of your living unit
 - Write down if someone may have coughed/sneezed around you, shared a drinking glass, food, or other personal item
 - Talk to public health professionals if they call to help identify close contacts which helps to limit the spread of disease and provide support to those who may need it
 - Get tested when encouraged by a health professional or you have COVID-19 symptoms
- The Forest County Health Department, Forest County Potawatomi Community, and Sokaogon Chippewa Community continue to work together to flatten the curve using testing and contact tracing, sharing information with the public, and are preparing for additional surges. Everyone in our community can help slow the spread of the virus by taking precautions whenever you leave the place where you live. Because COVID-19 is a new virus, we are still learning a lot about it. Until there is a vaccine, the best thing to do is to adopt proactive public health measures as we get back to our Wisconsin way of life. The actions you take today will determine our future.

We encourage the public to frequently monitor the Forest County Health Department web page, and Facebook page, the WEDC website, 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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Vendors Wanted For Oktoberfest

It's an outdoor event that draws approximately 200 people. The Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club is sponsoring the eleventh annual Oktoberfest at the Crooked Lake Community Center on Saturday, October 10th. For only \$10, crafters can sell their goods in a 10 X 10 outside space.

Vendors will need to supply their own tables, etc. There are only twelve spaces available so everyone attending the Oktoberfest will have time to check out all the displays. In addition to the craft fair, the Beer Garden opens at 11 a.m. with a meat raffle starting at noon. Bring school supplies to donate to Suring School and get \$1 off your first beverage.

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The 2020 Census has been underway since earlier this year, but if you haven't responded yet, it's not too late to respond and shape your future.

From the U.S. Census Bureau:

You can still complete the questionnaire yourself online at 2020census.gov, by calling 844-330-2020, or by returning the paper form you received in the mail. Respond using the address where you were living on April 1, 2020 and include anyone who was living with you at the time.

Your response matters – as does that of your friends, family, and neighbors – because the results of the 2020 Census determine how many seats your state gets in the U.S. House of Representatives and inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding will be allocated every year to communities like yours across the country. You can view your state, city, or county's response rates via our online interactive map.

If you respond on your own now, it is less likely that a census taker will visit you in person over the next month to help you complete the questionnaire. However, if someone from the Census Bureau does visit you, please cooperate with them. You'll know they are a Census Bureau employee by their identification badge, which will have their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. All census takers have been trained on social distancing protocols, will be issued Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and will follow local guidelines for its use.

The once-a-decade population count is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Responses to the census inform planning and funding decisions for emergency and disaster response, healthcare and hospitals, schools and education, roads and bridges, and other vital community resources. Census responses shape the future for everyone, whether you live in a city or a small town, a rural area, on a boat, or in an RV. It impacts children, college students, and adults of all ages.

That's why everyone should respond and be counted.

If you're not able to verify if someone else in your household has already responded, such as a roommate or family member, go ahead and respond and include everyone in your household in your response; the Census Bureau eliminates duplicate responses when processing the questionnaires.

If you own a seasonal or vacation home (where you do not live and sleep most of the time), and you know that no one else usually lives there, you also need to respond online or by phone and answer "no" when asked if you or anyone else is living or staying at that address on April 1, 2020. If you received a questionnaire at your door, you can also fill it out and mail it back.

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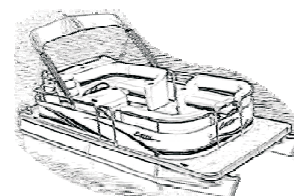
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Death Notices

Letters to the Editor

Darlene C. Wolf, 77 of Hiles, WI passed away September 2, 2020 at the Ascension St Mary's Hospital Rhinelander. Darlene was born March 29, 1943 in West Bend, WI the daughter of Steve and Mercedes (Steffan) Heder. She was united in marriage to Gerald Wolf on August 7, 1965 in West Bend. Surviving are her husband of 55 years, Gerald Wolf; daughter, Kristine Wolf, Wauwatosa; sons, Michael (Deanna) Wolf, La Crosse; Steven Wolf, Milwaukee; grandchildren, Kordelia Eisenreich, Klaudia Eisenreich, Klarissa Eisenreich. She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve and Mercedes Heder and brother, Steven Heder.

In 1999 Darlene and her soul mate built their retirement home on Pine Lake in Forest County. She enjoyed designing, decorating and furnishing their dream home and lived there for the past 20 years.

She was an accomplished cook and baker and enjoyed preparing holiday feasts for friends and family. Many local neighbors relished her annual Italian night dinner event. The Food Network was her favorite website. Making others happy was very rewarding to her.

Reading, traveling and camping were high on her list of things to do. Her favorite places to visit included Fort Myers Beach FL, San Diego CA, Door County WI and Mackinac MI.

Visitation at St Joseph Catholic Church, Crandon at 10:00am Thursday September 10, 2020. Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 11:00am with Father Kennedy Gasper officiating.

A second visitation will be held at Myhrum-Patten Funeral Home, West Bend on Friday September 11, 2020 from 11:00am to 1:00pm with prayer service immediately after visitation. Burial to follow at 2:00pm at the Holy Angels Cemetery, West Bend, WI.

She was a committed blood donor and donated 126 pints of blood in her lifetime. In lieu of flowers, please consider a financial donation to the Versiti Blood Center of SE Wisconsin.

<https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/auth/signin>
Versiti Blood Research Institute, Attn: Foundation Office PO Box 26576, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

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

We welcome letters to the Editor; however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.



Michael Allen Gruett unexpectedly passed away on September 5th, 2020. Mike was born on November 4th, 1951, in Milwaukee, WI, to Donald and Hazel (Lango) Gruett.

Mike spent 49 wonderful years married to his wife, Allegra (Marshall) Gruett. Together, they made cherished memories traveling and living in many different states and countries. He loved his community, his church, the military, and work, but most of all, he loved his family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws, Joyce and Francis Marshall; and his brother, Don. He shall be missed dearly by his wife; his children, Jason (Molly Belland) and Alyssa (Pete Mansfield), his grandchildren (Augusta, Camilla, Spencer, Madison, and William); his sisters, Jacquie (David) Brittig of Racine, Donna (Dan) Steffen of Greenfield, WI; his sister-in-law Alice (and best buddy, Roland Lundin); his brother-in-law Nelson (Charlotte) Marshall; and his brother-in-law Dale (Edith – deceased) Dzubay; and his cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

After serving nine years active in the army, Mike chose to move back to Northern Wisconsin in 1979 and loved the sense of community Forest County provided. He retired from the Wisconsin National Guard in 2001, as a Combat Engineer and joined the US Army Ready Reserves. He retired as a Colonel after 34 years of service. He was a veteran of the Vietnam and Iraq Wars and commanded and performed major staff assignments at Company, Battalion and Brigade levels. He was a lifetime member of AMVETS and the American Legion. Mike's education included earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University Wisconsin, Wisconsin Military Academy, United States Army Engineer School, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and War College.

He cared deeply for others and was dedicated to promoting growth and tourism in Forest County. He spent 34 years working and later owning Forest TV & Appliance. He also spent 23 years as the owner of A & M Services. Mike served as the President of the Forest County Chamber of Commerce and the President of the Forest County Tourism Commission. He was also a past Master of the Crandon Masonic Lodge.

Mike, also known as "Poppa," will be remembered as someone who always supported his family and friends, spoke his mind, and was always willing to help others. He loved spending time talking with his loved ones around a campfire at his home on Lake Lucerne (after 30 minutes of chores, of course), and spending time with his grandchildren, reading, boating, and gardening.

In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, the Forest County Chamber of Commerce, Crandon Area Rescue Squad or our local AMVETS, in his honor. The family will have a private graveside service at the Argonne Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date, once it is safe for all of us to be together again.

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



Mr. Donald "DA" Adams died unexpectedly at the UW Madison Hospital on August 31st at the age of 61. Don is survived by his wife Lisa Kitchenmaster of Little Chute, daughter Nicole, son in law James and grandchildren Braeden and Brylee all of Denver, mother Kathryn (Kaye) of Little Chute, siblings Diana of Mountain, Daniel of Antigo, Debra of Antigo, Dean of

Kaukauna, Dawn of Greenwood, and Daryl of Kaukauna, and countless family and friends. He is preceded in death by father Donald and brother Douglas.

Don was born on July 24th, 1959 in Eau Claire, WI to Donald and Kaye. He graduated from Antigo High in 1977. He joined the Marine Corps in 1977 until 1981. He married Lisa, the love of his life in 2011.

A Celebration Of Life is scheduled for 12:00-6:00pm (service at 1:00pm) on Saturday September 12, 2020 for family and friends at Van Lieshout Park with a reception to follow. Wichmann-Fargo funeral home will officiate the ceremony. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Don's (D.A.) life.

Effie Annette Soman, 48, of Green Bay and Crandon, WI passed away Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at her home. Effie was born September 7, 1971 in Eagle River, WI the daughter of Clifford Soman and Emily Tahwa.

Surviving are her daughters, Jessica Bird (Jeff); Evelyn Soman; Elizabeth Soman; sons, Dalton Bird (Jen); Travis Bird; grandchildren, Dorian Bird; Tayah Bird; sister, Emily Soman (Tommy); brothers, Colin Soman (Brook); Cameron Soman.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Christian, Clifford, Clinton, Charles, Chief, Cory; sisters, Evelyn and Ella.

Visitation will be held at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2020. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 6, 2020 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, Crandon. Burial to follow at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Blackwell.

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



Robert (Bob) Knies, 60, of Newald, WI passed away Thursday, September 3, 2020 at his home. Bob was born in Fort Hood, Texas on February 10, 1960 the son of Boyd (Mike) and Mary (Gilligan) Knies. He was united in marriage to Jennifer Adkins

on November 30, 2002 in Wabeno.

Bob was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish. He worked in the Milwaukee area for many years in the field of commercial and home construction. His dream was to live "up north" and he was able to realize that dream when he met and married his beloved wife Jenny.

Surviving are his wife of 18 years, Jennifer Knies, Newald; mother, Mary Knies, Newald; son, Michael (Brandie) Berish, Washington DC; nephew, Hunter Adkins who is like a son; sister, Karen (John) Bayer, Germantown; sister in law, Melody Knies, Milwaukee; brother, Michael (Pam) Knies, Oak Creek; brother in law, Mike (Karen) Adkins, Laona; brother in law, Joe (Sara) Adkins, Laona; brother in law, Adam (Samantha) Adkins, Laona; sister in law, Laura Adkins, Wabeno; many nieces and nephews who were loved and close to Bob.

He was preceded in death by his father, Boyd; brothers, Jerry and Dennis.

Private family services will be held.

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

There can still be no goodbyes for us; it would be too painful dear. Our connection still lives on, although you are far from here. I'll miss the times we once had, but one day once again I'll hold you close and laugh with you. I just wish I knew when.

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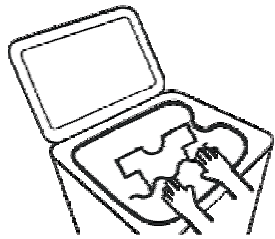
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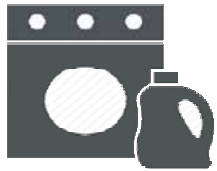
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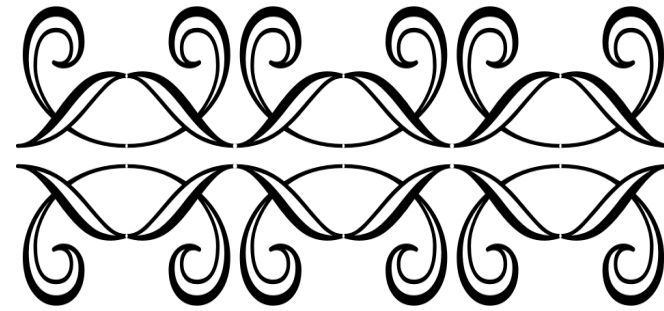


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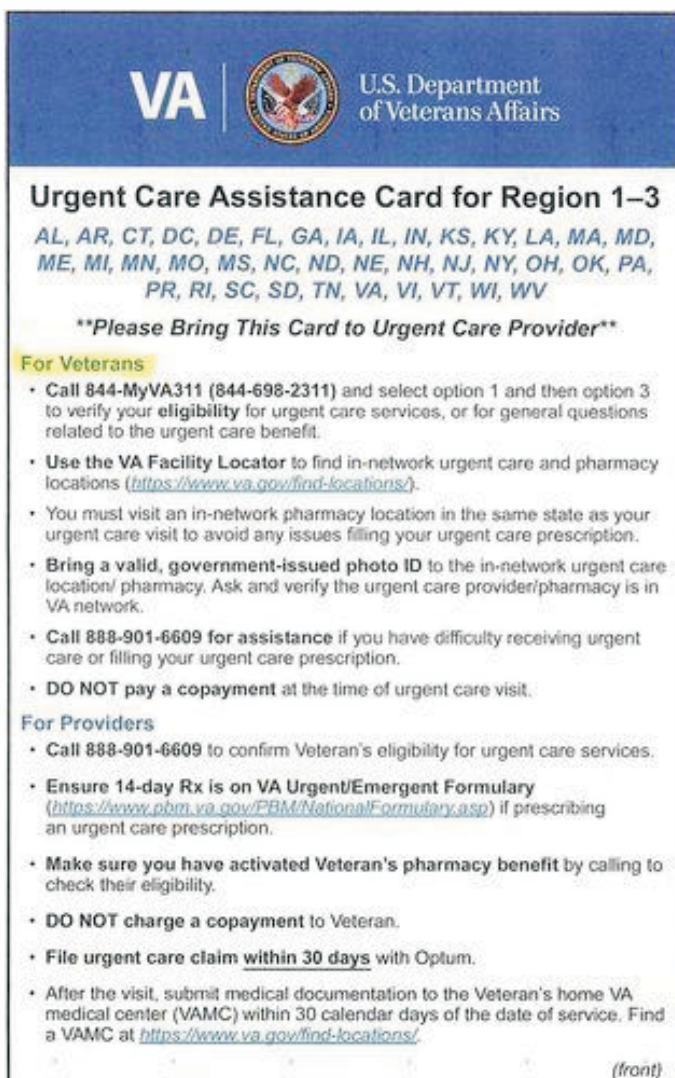
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VA urgent care update

As of September 1, 2020, Ascension Sacred Heart – St Mary’s Hospital & Aspirus Clinic (Rhinelander) Urgent Care (walk-in) facilities are in the VA’s “in-network” community care system. Use VA’s urgent care benefit to treat minor injuries and illnesses that are not life-threatening, such as colds, strep throat, sprained muscles, and skin and ear infections. You must: Be eligible, go to an in-network urgent care provider, pay a VA co-payment (if applicable) after the visit, which is billed separately by VA.

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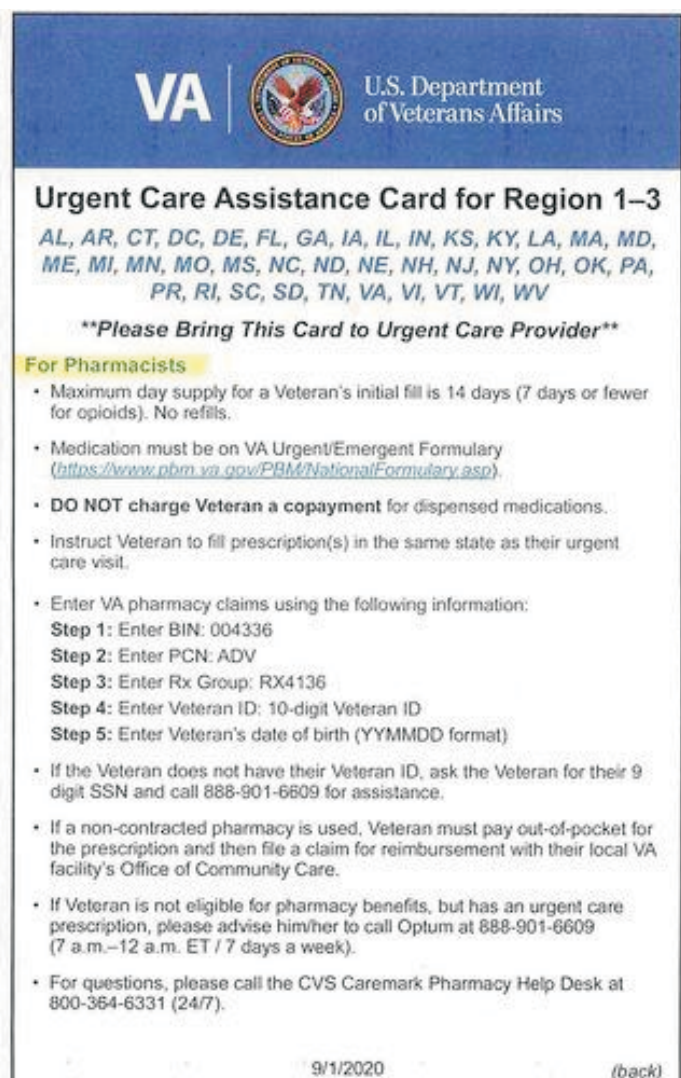
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- Ensure 14-day Rx is on VA Urgent/Emergent Formulary (<https://www.pbm.va.gov/PRM/NationalFormulary.asp>) if prescribing an urgent care prescription.
- Make sure you have activated Veteran’s pharmacy benefit by calling to check their eligibility.
- **DO NOT** charge a copayment to Veteran.
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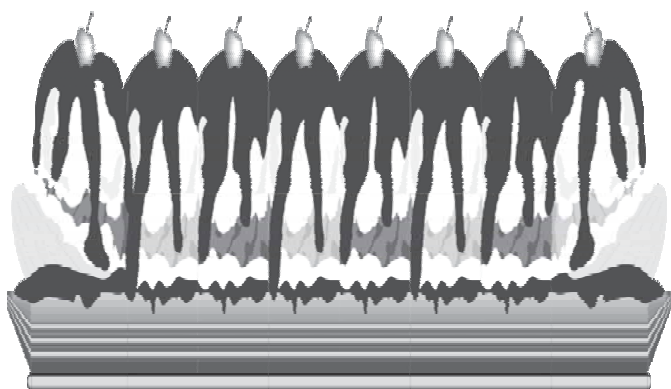
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Boys Picture left to right: Brody Lemaster, Mason Dewing, Ethan Potrykus (Three Lakes), and Taylor Karcz. Missing: Jaxon Keepers
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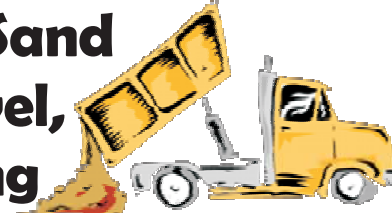
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2020
(October 15th – December 7th)

Medicare's Open Enrollment (October 15th through December 7th) is approaching fast and it's the time of year where consumers are able to evaluate and change their current Medicare Part D and/or Medicare Advantage plan options for the year 2021.

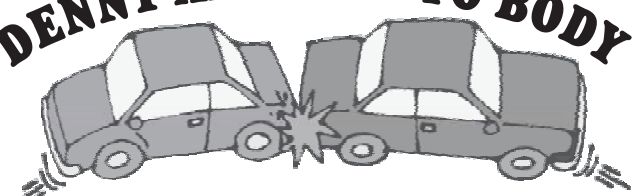
Yearly Review

Medicare Part D Plans and Advantage Plans are contracted with Medicare on a yearly basis from January 1st through December 31st. Each year these plans can make changes to their coverage such as: monthly premiums, yearly deductibles, covered medications, copays, coinsurance amounts, pharmacy networks, and coverage areas. Each Medicare Part D and Advantage plans are required to send an "Annual Notice of Change" to each of their members outlining the changes for the upcoming contract year in late September to early October. Please watch your mail carefully for this information and review it.

- If you are satisfied with your current plan, and the changes that they will be making for the upcoming year, you do not need to do anything – your coverage will automatically rollover to the new coverage on January 1, 2021.
- If you are not satisfied with your current plan and/or the changes that they will be making for the upcoming year and want to look at other options that are available to you, you can:
- Contact Medicare at 1-800-633-4227
- Access Medicare.gov (<https://www.medicare.gov/>) and click on the "Find Plans" tab and it will walk you through the process step-by-step to compare the plans.
- Forest County residents can contact the Benefit Specialists at the ADRC of the Northwoods by calling (800) 699-6704 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

- Age 60+ : ask for Kathy O'Melia
 - Ages 18-59: ask for Holly Seils
- Due to COVID-19, there will be NO in-person appointments this year at the ADRC. Consumers will continue to be safely assisted via phone, mail and email. Assisting consumers in this manner may take more time, therefore, services will be limited, so please call the ADRC early.
- Ages 60+ : Contact the Board on Aging & Long-Term Care Part D Helpline at 1-855-677-2783
 - Ages 18-59: Contact the Disability Rights of Wisconsin Part D Helpline at 1-800-926-4862
 - Contact the Board on Aging & Long-Term Care Medigap Helpline at 1-800-242-1060 For most people the Medicare Open Enrollment Period is the only opportunity to switch plans for the 2021 coverage year.

People on SeniorCare, Wisconsin's prescription drug assistance program, are not affected by this open enrollment period. They only need to renew their enrollment every 12 months. A renewal notice will be sent in the mail to the beneficiary. If you are on SeniorCare and have had medication changes, you might want to check on the cost of a part D plan to see if SeniorCare is still the best option for you.

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Tuesday - Sept. 15 - Pork chop, roasted potatoes, carrots, Italian bread, applesauce.
CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Wednesday - Sept. 16 - Turkey sandwich on whole wheat, cole slaw, baked beans, fruit, Oh Henry Bar.
WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED
Thursday - Sept. 17 - Turkey sandwich on whole wheat, cole slaw, baked beans, fruit, Oh Henry Bar.
ALVIN - No Meals in the Month of September
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 Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
 Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Home delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
 Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home) or 715-336-2218 (site). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Crandon School District Board of Education Notice/Agenda
Monday, September 14, 2020 - Regular Meeting
Robert Jaeger Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.**

This meeting of the Board of Education is held for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for citizen's/delegations participation during the meeting, as indicated on the agenda. The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s)

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Recitation of Mission Statement – To empower and inspire lifelong learners in a safe school community.

D. Roll Call: Establish a Quorum

E. Recognition of Honored Guests: Forest County Potawatomi Representative Skye Alloway and Sokaogon Chippewa Community Representative Joe Kane.

F. Approval of Agenda

2. Acknowledgments - Recognizing employees, community members, partner agencies or students who have unselfishly given of themselves for the enhancement of the school district.

A. Thank you to Kathy Cutforth and the Northwoods Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors' for the donation of 200 face masks for students and staff.

B. Thank you to Conway's True Value for the donation of 20 gallons of paint through the Painting a Brighter Future Program

C. Thank you to the Ties that Bind Us for the donation of water bottles for every student in our building

D. Thank you to the Community Coalition of Forest County for the donation of neck gaiters and hand sanitizer for student use

3. Citizens' Comments: The board respectfully asks that comments remain focused on the topic or issue being brought to the board's attention, but not on specific personnel, as personnel is handled through other avenues.

4. Reports

A. Board Members (As needed)

B. Elementary Principal – Tina Strong

C. Middle/High Principal – Josh Jaeger

D. Special Education Director – Heather Ostrowski

E. Safety Committee Update – Tina Strong and Josh Jaeger

F. Director of Curriculum & Instruction/ District Assessment Coordinator - Ryan Ourada

G. School Business Official Update – Darcy Bradley

H. District Administrator – Larry Palubicki

5. Consent Agenda: The board has been furnished with background material on each agenda item or has discussed it at a previous meeting. These will be acted upon with one vote without discussion. If a Board member wants to discuss any item, it will be pulled out of the consent agenda and will be voted on separately.

A. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)

B. Regular Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2020 (6:00 P.M.)

6. Consideration of Action Items and Presentations

A. Financial Report and Presentation of Vouchers and Receipts – Bryan Schallock

B. Appointment of Officers

C. Athletics Discussion

D. Employee Handbook Addendum - Policy 2266

E. Student Handbook Addendum - Policy 2266

F. School Attorney Selection

G. October Board Meeting Date Change

H. Set Annual Meeting Date

I. Student Accident Liability Insurance

7. Closed Session: Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f) – (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons.

A. 2020-2021 Co-Curricular Vacancies – Josh Jaeger

B. Head Volleyball Coach

C. JV Volleyball Coach

D. Middle School Volleyball Coach

E. Assistant Football Coach

F. Personnel – Larry Palubicki

8. Return to Open Session

The School Board may take action as to those items discussed in closed session

9. Adjournment

School District of Wabeno Area

Regular School Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 5, 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, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director.

Board Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Rick Melcher, Lee Mattern, Brian VanEperen, Teresa Romprey, Terri Brauer, Joanne Sisler, Carol Kitchmaster, Laura Spink, Jon & Beth Calhoun

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2)).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0

Public Participation: Rick Melcher, Wabeno parent and teacher in the Goodman District, voiced his concerns over opening up school face-to-face.

Motion made by Dan Christianson seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the Laona/Wabeno Winter/Spring Sports Co-op Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2020. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Dave Seeber seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Special School Board Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020. Carried 4 to 0. Janet Opiela, Dawn Jakubiec, and Lori Mattern abstained.

Motion made by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Special School Board Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2020. Carried 6 to 0. Trinity Shepard abstained.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Janet Opiela to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 81205 to 81273 for \$212,678.84 and payroll checks 900041123 to 900041202 for \$54,760.78, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$98,690.46. Carried 7 to 0.

Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Special Education Director shared updates and upcoming events with the Board.

Dave Seeber inquired about orientation for 6th graders moving to the high school, which will be held the first day of school, September 1, 2020.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to approve putting a hold on dental insurance funding until \$20,000 is reached. Carried 7 to 0.

Thank you to the FCP Executive Council for their generous donation of \$47,000. Through grants, FCP will also provide water bottle filling stations, water bottles, hand sanitization stations, etc.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Dean Foods of WI quote for milk for the 2020-21 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Yaeger Oil Co., Inc.'s quote for fuel for the 2020-21 school year. Carried 7 to 0.

No action on propane bid at this time.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Lori Mattern to accept Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC for snow removal. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the purchase of additional Chromebooks from SHI. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve hiring Marla Walsh as part-time help at Little Logrollers Daycare. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve hiring Sandi Schuhart as an Elementary Aide. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the proposed changes to the Little Logrollers Parent handbook. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Dave Seeber to approve the final proposed employee handbook changes. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Return to School Plan. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to buy out the propane tank lease with Insight FS. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Trinity Shepard to go into closed session at 7:28 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. Employee compensation for services.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to return to open session at 7:57 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 made by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve a one-time payment for work on ESEA Plan outside of normal contract hours for Title I teacher. Carried 6 to 0. Dan Christianson abstained.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 7:58 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Lenora Mattern, District Clerk

Bids & Notices

Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education Monday, September 14, 2020 – 5:30 p.m. Room 24 – C. L. Robinson Elementary School

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Melissa McLaughlin
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. Resignation of Diabetic/Instructional Aide
 - B. Diabetic/Instructional Aide Position
 - C. Laona Learning Center Teacher
 - D. Equipment Bids
 - E. Neola Policy First Look
 - F. Fall Coaches Contracts
 - G. Back to School Update
 - H. Building Usage Discussion
 - I. Fall Sports Update
 - J. Homecoming Plans
 - K. Educational Field Trips
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:

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

- 2 - Accident(s)
- 1 - Alarm Call(s)
- 3 - Animal Incident(s)
- 1 - Assault/Battery (1 ARREST)
- 4 - Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
- 9 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 2 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drug Related)
- 1 - Assist Other Agency
- 1 - ATV/UTV Incident(s)
- 3 - Child Custody Matter/Dispute Incident(s)
- 1 - Child Neglect/Abuse/Possible Child Abuse Complaint(s)
- 2 - Civil Matter/Dispute(s)
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
- 5 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para and/or Poss.(5 CITATIONS / 1 ARREST)
- 3 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s)
- 2 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
- 1 - Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
- 1 - Garbage/Littering/Illegal Dumping Incident(s)
- 1 - Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)
- 2 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 13 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 - Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
- 1 - O.A.R. (1 ARREST / 1 CITATION)
- 1 - Property Damage Complaint(s)
- 20 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
- 1 - Sexual Abuse/Assault or Possible Sexual Abuse/Assault Incident(s)(1 ARREST)
- 1 - Stalking Incident(s)
- 7 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 2 - Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
- 5 - Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 4 - Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
- 1 - Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 8 - Vehicle Lockout(s)
- 2 - Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s)
- 2 - Window Tint Violation(s)(1 CITATION)
- 7 - Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 1 - Warning(s) to ATV/UTV Operator(s)/Passenger(s)
- 12 - Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

Summer Food Service Program

(For sponsors that are not camps and that establish program eligibility by geographic area)

Stressing the importance of offering nutritious meals to children during the summer months, the Wabeno Area School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, provides nutritious meals to children during the summer, when free and reduced-price school meals are typically unavailable. Free meals will be made available to children 18 years of age and under. Persons over 18 years of age who are determined by a state or local public educational agency to be mentally or physically disabled and who also participate in a public or private non-profit school program during the regular school year may receive free meals as well.

The following locations will be serving the free meals:

All students will be served breakfast and lunch at no charge at the following sites:

Wabeno Elementary School – 4346 Mill Ln., Wabeno, WI 54566
-Front Door Entrance only - Monday through Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meals are provided to eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, age, gender or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of meal service.

"This program fills a void created when school lunches are not available," said Wabeno Area School District. "Helping parents meet the nutritional needs of their children is the strength of this program."

Baldwin Calls on Postmaster General to Reverse Changes that Cause Mail Delivery Delays

USPS Employees Report Mail Sorting Machines Disconnected in Milwaukee, Green Bay, Madison, Rothschild

Baldwin: "Millions of Wisconsinites – among them veterans, seniors, small business owners, rural communities, and voters – depend on USPS"

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin today called on Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Postal Service, to immediately reverse the operational changes and directives that have caused the delays in mail delivery. As Wisconsinites across the state experience delays in receiving their mail, U.S. Postal Service employees have reported that mail sorting machines have been removed or disconnected in Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay and Rothschild processing and distribution centers. DeJoy recently announced a temporary suspension of changes through the November election, but has refused to reverse the changes he has already made.

Senator Baldwin wrote, "While you issued a statement announcing a temporary suspension through the November 3rd election of some of the harmful changes you put in place, your announcement did not reverse the damage already done or put in place long-term solutions to prevent further delays. Millions of Wisconsinites – among them veterans, seniors, small business owners, rural communities, and voters – depend on USPS and I am calling on you to take action to prevent further delays in mail delivery."

In her letter, Baldwin recounts a few of the many stories she has heard from Wisconsinites who are deeply frustrated with delays under Mr. DeJoy's tenure. Those stories include: a senior citizen from Hartford whose medication has been delayed; a small business owner in Mequon seeing significant delays in getting products to customers; a Wausau veteran who relies on USPS for receiving prescription medications from the VA; and a voter in Whitefish Bay who requested an absentee ballot in June and still had not received it just days before the August 11th primary.

"These concerns from my constituents are real, they are not a 'conspiracy theory' as some have suggested, and they show why you need to reverse the changes that have led to these harmful delivery delays," Senator Baldwin continued.

Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Sept. 14-18

Monday - Whole grain cereal, strawberries, fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, pineapple chunks, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Delivered meals
Thursday - Whole grain cereal, mixed fruit,, fruit juice, milk
Friday - Breakfast bars /cereal, yogurt cup, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Sept. 14-18

Monday - Crispitos, Spanish rice, corn, Scooby snacks. fruit cup, garden bar, milk
Tuesday - Corn dogs, chips, baked beans, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk
Wednesday -Delivered meals
Thursday - Chicken patty, chips, carrots, apple sauce, garden bar, milk
Friday - Grilled chicken croissant, chips, apple slices, Scooby snacks, garden bar, milk

Nicolet LIR rises to challenge with robust offerings in light of COVID-19

Having faced their share of challenges over their lifetimes, members of the Learning in Retirement (LIR) program at Nicolet College knew exactly what they had to do in order to put together a safe and engaging series of fall offerings in this era of COVID-19.

It's not like the pandemic is their first rodeo. Many of them have lived through the threat of polio, several wars, times of economic collapse, and countless other challenges. It's all part of what shaped this generation that has circumnavigated the sun more than a few times.

"I guess we just did what we've always done," said Brenda Peltier, Nicolet LIR coordinator, reflecting on life in general when putting together the upcoming season. "We roll up our sleeves, face all the obstacles head on, and brainstorm solutions to get us through challenging times. We have a great team of people who are committed to making the LIR the best that it can be."

In order to keep members safe yet still engaged with LIR, just about all presentations this fall will be held online in the virtual world. In all, there will be 21 different presentations Sept. 16 through Dec. 16.

Some classes will last just a couple hours while others will meet online multiple times over the course of months. For this year only, the annual LIR member fee has been reduced to \$30, and is good through June 30, 2021. Members are welcome to take as many or as few classes as they like.

To become a member, visit nicoletcollege.edu/lir or call the college at (715) 365-4593.

And as always, there will be no tests or grades in any of the classes, only learning just for the fun of it.

Members signing up for classes will be sent a Zoom link before the start of a class to join the presentation.

Upcoming classes include the ever-popular Ced's Nature series from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays Sept. 16 to Oct. 28. In all there will be six different topics covered which include a look at swans, beaver ecology, wild turkeys, the life cycle of a forest, bird migration, and birds of prey.

Other LIR presentations include:

--Genealogy and DNA Primer from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Participants will learn where to start and what documentation you need to build your family tree. From there we'll explore the best practices for researching and documenting your genealogy using information available mainly on the Internet.

--Is a Happy Mushroom a Fun Guy? from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 5. Learn about those mysterious mushrooms of all shapes and sizes that pop up in our yards and forests. Anne Small, coordinator of the Northstate Mycological Club, will give you information on fungi and mushroom biology and explain their place in the Northwoods.

--ArtStart Fall Exhibit: Andrea Carlson & Andy Messerschmidt 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16. There will be two tour choices and this will be the only offering with the option of attending in-person. A virtual tour option will also be available. For more details, contact Peltier at bpeltier@nicoletcollege.edu or call (715) 365-4491.

- Sigils for Travelers of I-94 with Andrea Carlson. Drawing on her Ojibwe heritage, Carlson creates images that "celebrate the joy of Indigenous people found in places that we've made for ourselves, in places that were necessitated because of our exclusion elsewhere." The exhibition title incorporates the Latin meaning of Sigil—medicine or poison and the space along Interstate highway 94.

- Shooting Buffalo with Andy Messerschmidt. As part of Andy Messerschmidt's 900-plus piece Agrocul series, this exhibition's focus is on the "anthropological cataclysm of the agroculs". The artist's work asks the viewer to review and evaluate the many changes brought upon the land by humankind.

Due to COVID-19, ArtStart staff will introduce the exhibits and be available for questions. Please follow social distancing requirements and masks are required during the in-person tour. No refreshments will be offered.

Old Age Ain't for Sissies, Part 2, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27. There were so many good questions asked in Dr. Bill Wright's first class on this topic that time ran out, and participants asked to have a second session. Attendance at the first class is not a prerequisite for attending this session. Dr. Wright is an inspiring individual and has many good insights into the aging process.

--Civil Discourse with Jane Banning, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 1. This non-partisan, non-political class is about ways to connect, understand, and have civil conversations when it seems there are no paths through the thickets. Pick up some fundamental skills in how to converse with people with whom you disagree.

For the complete list of upcoming offerings and descriptions, visit nicoletcollege.edu/lir.

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