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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.

What is GIS?

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are the most modern way of mapmaking. GIS analyzes spatial data from Remote Sensing. Remote sensing is the acquisition of information about an object or phenomenon without making physical contact with the object and thus is in contrast to on-site observation. The term is applied especially to acquiring information about the Earth. GIS also uses Global Positioning Systems (GPS). GPS is a system of 30+ navigation satellites circling Earth. A GPS receiver in your phone listens for these signals. Once the receiver calculates its distance from four or more GPS satellites, it can figure out where you are.

With tricky terminology like raster and vector data, GIS can seem like a very technical application, but modern software has made it very user-friendly to apply the benefits of GIS to your property. This winter might be a good time to familiarize yourself with some of these programs so you can create your own map!

Smart Phone Apps:

On X Hunt:

This app is the very user-friendly. The app uses a mix of GPS satellite and topographic maps. You can view private and public property land ownership, roads and trails, and US topographic maps. You can also track your location and download areas for mapping offline. Other features include weather conditions, hunting zones, acreage measurement tools, coordinates, and ability to export your data. After a 7-day trial, there is a \$30/year subscription price.

Gaia:
While a little more advanced, this app has many of the same features as On-X Hunt and has a free version. With the free version, you can plan, record, and use the free topographic maps. You can add points, track routes and areas, download maps, take pictures while you track, and import files from Google Maps.

Avenza:
This is the most advanced GPS app, but it also has a free version. It has been used by forestry professionals, so it has many features. To begin, you have to "purchase" a map in their store, although some are free to download. Once you open one of these maps, you can add points, track routes, see where you are on the map, and record coordinates. You can also track your altitude, speed, and bearing as well as upload your own maps. Although this is advanced, there are helpful guides if you want to try it out.

Google Earth:
Just like GIS and GPS, Google Earth has been around awhile, but now they have versions for the web, a mobile device, or a desktop. The aerial images are detailed enough to get a good idea of the landscape, so it can be good for prospecting, hunting, or seeing where improvements can be made. Here are some great things you can do with Google Earth:

- Drop a pin to get exact coordinates
- Draw paths and measure the distances between points
- Aerial and roadside views
- Create and save map images that you can print
- Add layers of data (street names, geographic borders)
- Pro version shows tax lot boundaries and you can calculate the area of a shape

The only downside of Google Earth is that some of the images can be up to a few years old and small trails, roads, and ponds do not stand out due to canopy cover.

Public Sources:

These are government run websites usually

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Wolf season in Wisconsin February 22-28



The photo above was taken back in about 1947, and was brought in by Mark Mentz. Bob Mentz is on the left and a fellow named Mark Dilley on the right. This wolf was taken with a bow and arrow near Ely, Minnesota.

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced Monday that a wolf harvest season will take place Feb. 22-28, 2021.

All hunters and trappers interested in obtaining a wolf harvest permit or preference point must apply beginning at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. The application period will close at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20. Customers may apply through their Go Wild account or by visiting a participating license agent. The application permit fee is \$10 plus \$49 (\$251 non-resident) for a wolf license if selected.

The department will post application results to each applicant's Go Wild account the morning of Monday, Feb. 22. Customers may commence the harvest season once they secure their license and carcass/pelt tag.

The DNR will post the updated rules and regulations for the February 2021 wolf harvest season on the wolf hunting and trapping webpage no later than Friday, Feb. 19. Printed copies will not be available in time for the February wolf harvest season.

Customers interested in applying for a harvest permit or preference point should note that the Go Wild website will be down for previously scheduled maintenance 2-6 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20.

During the Natural Resources Board Special Meeting on Feb. 15, the board unanimously voted for a harvest quota of 200 wolves outside reservation lands.

The department's approved quota considered 2020 wolf population data, population response to previous harvest seasons, scientific literature, and population model projections. The proposed quota objective is to allow for a sustainable harvest that neither increases nor decreases the state's wolf population.

Before any licenses are issued, the department will take steps to honor the Ojibwe Tribes' right to declare up to half of the harvestable surplus in the Ceded Territory, per the Tribes' treaty rights and court rulings.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed gray wolves from the federal endangered species list on Jan. 4, 2021, returning management authority to the lower 48 states and tribes. The Wisconsin DNR has successfully managed gray wolves for decades and will continue to do so under our state's laws and the best science available.

The DNR will continue to plan for a wolf harvest season to open on Nov. 6, 2021, while simultaneously working towards completing a 10-year wolf management plan to guide management decisions beginning in 2022.

For more on wolves in Wisconsin, visit the DNR website for additional information on wolf hunting and trapping, wolf management and wolf conflict abatement.

Lakes Country Library offers Drop-In Services

The Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood now offers drop-in services during regular hours. Drop-in services include checking out books and movies, as well as copying and faxing – appointments are no longer needed for these services. Masks are required inside the building.

Curbside pickup is still available, and the library recommends making an appointment to use a library computer. Call 715-276-9020 for these services.

Wireless internet use is available outside the building.

The library hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is located at 15235 Hwy. 32, Lakewood; phone: 715-276-9020.

Forest County COVID vaccine update

The Forest County Health Department is currently helping to provide COVID-19 vaccine to frontline healthcare personnel, EMS, those who provide direct patient service or other healthcare services, law enforcement, fire personnel, and anyone 65 and older.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has announced the following groups to be eligible tentatively starting March 1st, 2021:

- Educators and child care
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public facing essential workers including 911 operators, utility and communications infrastructure, public transit, and food supply chain
- Non-frontline essential health care personnel
- Congregate living facility staff and residents

FCHD is currently receiving weekly vaccine allocations from the state. Individuals are then scheduled based on that allocation and their eligibility. We will continue to share more information about vaccine availability for other individuals and as it becomes available from DHS.

If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, please call our office at 715-478-3371 to be added to our waitlist. You can also contact your healthcare provider to ask about vaccine availability.

Please continue to practice every day preventative measures including:

- Practice physical distancing
- Wear a mask in public
- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid large gatherings
- Stay home if you are sick and contact your healthcare provider to be tested

You can learn more about Wisconsin's vaccination planning at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

920 cases of covid-19 (1 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 920 cases in Forest County. 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 4,296 negative test results. There is currently 1 active case in isolation, 895 released from isolation, 1 hospitalized, and 26 deaths related to COVID-19.

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.

Pearson-Pickerel Lions offer scholarships to grads

Pearson-Pickerel Lions Club is offering scholarships to 2020 and 2021 high school graduates. Students must live in the area of Pickerel, Pearson, Lily, Langlade, or Deerbrook.

Email PearsonPickerelLions@gmail.com for an application or for more information.

Rebel Ryan Roy takes first at Wrestling Sectionals

Congratulations to Ryan Roy for taking first at wrestling sectionals this past weekend at Valders High School and qualifying for the state wrestling tournament. Ryan record is currently 15-1 and wrestling at 160 pounds. He is currently ranked 3rd in D3.

As a coaching staff it is truly a blessing to have a great leader and this hard of worker in are room. Not only is his hard work contagious in the high school room but the youth and middle school kids try to immolate his tempo and after practice extras.

Good luck this weekend from the coaching staff and Laona/Wabeno School Districts.

See the Pioneer Online at
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Death Notices



Dolores Wawrykiw (nee Ciszewski) passed away peacefully in her sleep on the afternoon of February 9, 2021. She was 96 years old. Dolores was born on December 16, 1924 to Anthony and Martha (Kontowski) Ciszewski, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In her youth she worked at Louis Allis in Milwaukee, and loved to go dancing with her friends and cousins. Work is where she found her Love, Roman.

In 1957, she married Roman Wawrykiw and had two children, Roman Wawrykiw and Sandra (Jeff) Duda.

In 1969, her and Roman moved their family up to Armstrong Creek, Wisconsin and that's where she spent the remainder of her long life. She was lucky at 96 to still be able to live in her home, thanks to her son Roman who provided her care until her last moments. She was always surrounded by her family who loved her, and she always enjoyed those moments.

One thing she ALWAYS loved to do with her family is play 500 Rummy. Countless games of rummy have been played and she almost always won. So many laughs and memories were shared over her table playing rummy. Memories we'll always have.

Dolores was preceded in death by her parents Martha and Anthony, husband Roman, sister, Eleanor Jarozewski and most of the rest of her family and friends.

She leaves behind her son, Roman, and daughter, Sandy (Jeff), grandchildren Terra (Eric) Mueller, Roman Wawrykiw III, and Dan and Erica Duda. She is also survived by 7 great-grandchildren, all of whom she was able to meet and share memories with; Lara, Cage, and Dane Mueller, Ryan, Mila, Roman (IV), and Mykolai Wawrykiw.

She made a tremendous impact on all of us and will forever be in our hearts and memories.

Honoring her wishes, no services will be held. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

James "Jim" Douglas Huettl, 75, passed away on February 9th, 2021.

Jim was born in Wabeno on September 22, 1945. He was the son of Carl W. and Ester "Midge" Huettl of Wabeno. He graduated from Wabeno High School in 1963.

Jim was a dairy farmer, raising registered Holsteins for much of his life, until he retired due to declining health, he then moved to Rhinelander. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and watching sports; specifically the Green Bay Packers. He was also actively involved in the lives of his sons, daughters and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by girlfriend Kathy Meyer, his brothers; Gerald (Edith), David (Sue), Ronald (Karen), Mark (Heidi); his beloved children, Laurie, Theodore, Karla (Michael), Julie, Douglas (Erica); his grandchildren Sean (Kathleen), Patrick, Kelci, Jasper, Eliza; and great-grandchildren twins Athena and Autumn and brother Damon.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Carl W. and Esther "Midge" Huettl, sister Donna, brother Lawrence "Larry" Huettl, brother-in law Samuel "Sam" Ison, niece Melinda S. Ison and son James Matthew "Jimmy" Huettl.

A memorial was held on February 12, 2021 at Zion Lutheran Church for immediate family only.



Patrick J. Ciha, 68, of Crandon, WI passed away Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rhinelander. Patrick was born May 24, 1952 in Milwaukee the son of Aloysius and Claire (O'Konski) Ciha. He was united in marriage to Katherine "Kitty" Katz on November 24, 1995 in Cedarburg, WI. He served in the U.S. Army National Guards.

Patrick is survived by his wife of 25 years, Kitty Ciha; father, Aloysius; daughters, Genevieve "Genny" (Michael) O'Driscoll, Jackson; Julia Ciha, Wauwatosa; step-daughters, Susan Hansen, Grafton; Kate Hansen, Phoenix; step-sons, Joseph (MaryKate) Hansen, Roscoe, IL; Michael Hansen, Jackson, WY; grandson, Reuben "Ben" Hansen; sister, Fran (David) Heinzl, Edina, MN; brothers, James Ciha, Wauwatosa; Michael Ciha, IL; Philip (Sandra) Ciha, Germantown; brother-in-law, Robert Evans.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Claire, sister, Katherine Evans and Mary Rose Ciha.

Honoring his wishes, no 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



On Sunday, February 7, 2021, **Daniel "DJ" Flannery**, unexpectedly passed away at the age of 63.

DJ was born in June 14, 1957 to John and Ila (James) Flannery of Crandon, WI.

DJ had a passion for classic cars, motorcycles, guns, and cool old junk. DJ enjoyed teaching his girls about his guns and how to

shoot. After his accident leaving him paralyzed, DJ's artistic side came out and he produced many awesome works of art that his family will treasure forever. He will always be remembered for his contagious deep-belly laugh, infectious smile (behind his big burly beard), and quick wit.

DJ was preceded in death by his father, John, and his mother, Ila. He is survived by his three daughters, Sadie, Catrine, and Danielle Flannery; grandson Spencer Flannery; his two sisters, Peggy Houle (Jim Houle) and Sue Nettleton (Larry Nettleton).

Honoring his wishes, no public funeral services will be held. A Celebration of Life will be held this summer in memory of DJ (Location and Date to be determined).

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.weberhillfuneralhome.com

Letters to the Editor

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.

Sen. Felzkowski and Rep. Callahan Joint Statement on Wolf Hunt Ruling

Madison, WI- Yesterday, Jefferson County Circuit Court ruled in favor of Wisconsinites across the state who have been negatively impacted by an unmanaged wolf population and the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) blatant disregard to follow the law and implement a hunting season this winter. Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) and Rep. Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) made the following statement:

"It's refreshing to see that the law, as written by the Legislature, means something once again. Our statutes require a wolf hunting season if the animal is delisted from the federal Endangered Species Act - period."

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service proposed their final rule to delist the gray wolf on November 3, 2020 - that was 101 days ago.

"The DNR had ample time to make this happen and they chose to sit on their hands. Today, the rule of law prevailed and we look forward to their immediate implementation of a wolf hunting season."

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Who's for putting a price on carbon?

by Bill Bussey

Media references to "putting a price on carbon" or "carbon pricing" as a means of addressing the climate crisis seem to be on the increase recently. Doing so either by putting a carbon tax on fossil fuels or by implementing a "cap and trade" system, also known as an emissions trading system would result in higher prices for fossil fuel-based goods and services, which would provide us with a financial incentive to reduce our carbon footprints, and provide entrepreneurs with an incentive to develop less carbon-intensive products. Depending on the pricing design, the result could be a dramatic reduction in carbon emissions, and if the resulting revenues were returned to American households, the majority of them, including most lower to moderate income households, would come out ahead financially.

That's the idea, but a significant amount of political opinion sees its near-term chances in Congress as slim at best. Who's in favor of it anyway? Anyone? Here's a pop quiz:

1. How many countries already have some form of carbon pricing in place or have passed legislation to implement it: (a) none, (b) 4, or (c) 46?

Answer: (c), including our neighbors Mexico, which has a very modest carbon tax, and Canada, which has a much more ambitious combined system; China, which is transitioning to a national emissions trading system from a number of pilot projects; members of the European Union; and a host of other countries, including Columbia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, South Korea, and Japan. (See https://carbonpricingdashboard.worldbank.org/map_data.)

2. An "Economists' Statement on Carbon Dividends" published in the Wall Street Journal states that "global climate change is a serious problem calling for immediate national action;" that "a carbon tax offers the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary." How many economists signed on to that statement: (a) 3, (b) 31, or (c) 3589?

Answer: (c), including 4 former Federal Reserve chairs, 28 Nobel Laureate economists, and 15 former chairs of the Council of Economic Advisors. (See <https://clouncil.org/economists-statement/>.)

3. True or false? All of the following companies and organizations support carbon pricing: National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, World Wildlife Fund, AT&T, IBM, Ford, GM, ExxonMobil, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Business Roundtable.

Answer: True, along with many others. (See <https://www.nap.edu/read/25932/chapter/1> ; <https://clouncil.org/founding-members/> ; <https://www.uschamber.com/climate-change-position> ; <https://www.businessroundtable.org/climate>.)

4. According to polling by the Yale Program on Climate Change Communication, what percentage of U.S. registered voters support a carbon tax if the revenues are used to reduce other taxes by an equal amount: (a) 15%, (b) 40%, or (c) 67%?

Answer: (c). (See <https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/publications/politics-global-warming-december-2020/>)

5. Citizens' Climate Lobby supports a carbon pricing proposal that would place a steadily rising fee on fossil fuels; return all the net proceeds to American households; and impose an import fee on carbon-intensive products from countries without an equivalent carbon price to prevent unfair international competition. How many local and tribal governments in Wisconsin have endorsed legislation utilizing that approach: (a) 3, (b) 6, or (c) 20?

Answer: (c), including the Cities of Wausau, Rice Lake, Ashland, Washburn, and Bayfield; Ashland, Bayfield, and Sawyer Counties; and Bad River and Red Cliff Tribal Councils. (See <http://www.wiccloutreach.info/wi-resolutions.html>)

6. If you're in favor of the proposal, what should you do: (a) go to <http://energyinnovationact.org/> for more information, (b) contact your members of Congress (c), join Citizens' Climate Lobby at <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/>, or (d) all of the above? Answer: (d). Hope to see you at our next meeting!

Bill Bussey is group leader for the Chequamegon chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby.

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I think of you in silence
I often speak your name
Your memory is my keepsake,
God has you in his keeping,
I have you in my heart.

Love Joe, Family and Friends

Senior Chatter

Beware of Suspicious Phone Calls and Protect Your Personal Information

The Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol has received numerous reports from people in northeastern Wisconsin about concerning phone calls from people identifying themselves as representatives from their health care provider or Medicare. While the purpose of the call appears helpful, it is important to remember to be vigilant and not share personal information over the phone with anyone who calls you unexpectedly or who is unfamiliar to you. In some cases, it has been reported that the caller had a significant amount of personal information already, which is very alarming.

This particular scam seems to go one step further than most, in that, the caller appears to know some of your HIPPA protected information. The caller sounds very friendly and authentic. The caller states they are calling and checking to see how your specific medical condition, i.e., neck, shoulder, knee, hip, etc., is doing after being seen at your doctor's office for this very condition. The caller knows the name and location of your medical facility and in some instances your medication list. It appears the caller is attempting to get your Medicare number and to send braces for your medical condition.

Fraudsters spend lots of time searching the internet and other sources to piece together as much information about you as possible before calling. The hope is that they sound legitimate when calling so that you will feel comfortable talking with them and ultimately sharing additional information, which is often a Medicare number.

If you receive these types of phone calls, just hang up! Medicare will never call you with such an offer. Treat your Medicare number like a credit card. If you do need a brace or medical equipment, talk to your doctor. Sellers on the phone do not know what you need. If the caller has identified themselves as being a representative from your health care provider, call your provider and ask if they have called. If your provider has not called, ask to speak to your provider's facility manager to report this serious incident. Also, please report this call to the Wisconsin Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) by calling toll-free 1-888-818-2611 to help prevent Medicare fraud. Forest County residents can contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Northwoods at 1-800-699-6704 for your Medicare questions and concerns.

FOREST COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY BUS SCHEDULE

February 2nd - "Short Route"
Hiles, Argonne, Crandon, Laona and Wabeno to Rhinelander by 10:00 A.M. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No Lunch Depart Rhinelander at 1:00 P.M. **Bus Driver Pam Blank**

February 4th - Thursday - Crandon shopping only.
Hiles, Argonne, Crandon, Laona and Wabeno to Crandon by 9:00 A.M. Depart Crandon by 12:00 P.M. **Bus Driver Pam Blank**

February 9th - "Short Route"
Hiles, Argonne, Crandon, Laona and Wabeno to Rhinelander by 10:00 A.M. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No Lunch Depart Rhinelander at 1:00 P.M. **Bus Driver Pam Blank**

February 16th - "Short Route"
Hiles, Argonne, Crandon, Laona and Wabeno to Rhinelander by 10:00 A.M. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No Lunch Depart Rhinelander at 1:00 P.M. **Bus Driver Pam Blank**

February 23rd - "Short Route"
Hiles, Argonne, Crandon, Laona and Wabeno to Rhinelander by 10:00 A.M. Walmart complex and Aldi's only. No Lunch Depart Rhinelander at 1:00 P.M. **Bus Driver Pam Blank**

Cheri Wilson of Northwoods Insurance Agency achieves nation-wide recognition

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

This achievement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as a member of the 2021 Marketplace Circle of Champions highlights Cheri's success in actively enrolling consumers during this Open Enrollment Period.

"Agents and brokers play a vital role in helping consumers access qualified health coverage and navigate their new health insurance plans throughout the year." "We thank Cheri for her dedication to providing exceptional service in helping Americans get coverage."

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

Eligible consumers can still enroll in Marketplace coverage during this Covid Special Enrollment Period from February 15th until May 15th or later if they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period. Consumers with questions about their coverage or who would like help enrolling, can contact Cheri Wilson at Northwoods Insurance Agency at 715-478-2215 or by emailing: cheri@northwoodsinsurance.com.

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Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Feb. 22 - Loaded baked potato soup, chefs salad w/ turkey, egg, tomato, cucumber bread stick, pear crisp

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Feb. 23 - Chicken Dijon parsley potato, cauliflower & broccoli, sourdough bread, jello w/ fruit.

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Wednesday - Feb. 24 - Sloppy joe on a bun, carrot salad, baked beans, fruit, brownie.

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

Thursday - Feb. 25 - Sloppy joe on a bun, carrot salad, baked beans, fruit, brownie.

ALVIN - No Meals in the Month of February

The local number for the ADRC: 478-2162 is no longer in service. The only number for the ADRC is the 800-699-6704.

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site manager Pat Raml is at 715-478-0742 (home) or 715-478-3040 (site). Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin site manager Florence Kostka at 715-545-4063 (home) or 715-545-3323 (site). Meals canceled until further notice.

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.

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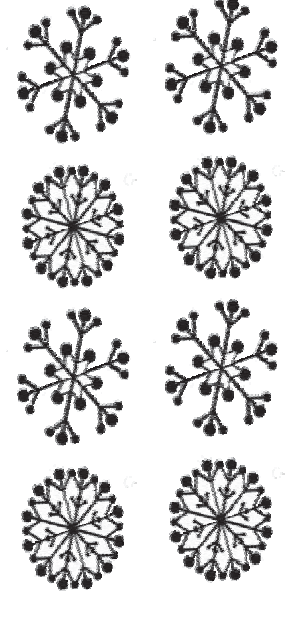


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Senior Maddie Stamper led the lady Cardinals scoring with 13 points adding in four assists. Sophomore Holly Palubicki followed with 12 points, swiping two steals and sophomore Mara Stamper put up 11 points and pulled down six boards. Junior Ava Neilitz led the team in rebounds (8) and assists (5) while also contributing 10 points to the Cardinal win. Senior Tiger Aubry DeBauch led all scorers with 27 points, going 13/15 from the line.

Crandon 39 Laona/Wabeno 38

The lady Cardinals hosted conference rivals the Rebels Saturday night, February 13th for Regional Finals. Fans from both teams were excited to attend as they anticipated a real basketball battle. The Cardinals had already beaten the Rebels twice in conference play giving them plenty of motivation to bring their "A" game! High intensity defense from both teams was the theme of the night. Despite an unusually high number of foul calls and poorly-timed turn overs, the lady Cardinals held on to squeak out a one-point win by picking each other up. Leading Cardinal scorers were senior Maddie Stamper and sophomore Holly Palubicki with 10 points each, Palubicki also pulled down three rebounds. Senior Macie Palubicki added in seven points, grabbed five boards, blocked six shots and grabbed up three steals! Junior Lexi McCorkle contributed six points and five boards and junior Ava Neilitz led the team in rebounds with six. Senior Emma Harris led the Rebels with 12 points, all from behind the arc, while the Krawze sisters chipped in eight a piece.

Coach Mayer expressed his pride in the girls, "I am beyond proud of the girls this season. They come to practice every day, work hard and have fun. This is a completely selfless group and they put team success above their own. The girls all stepped into bigger and brand new roles this year and have exceeded the expectations of many. But Coach Palubicki and I knew that we were going to be tough to beat this year. All the credit goes to the work the girls put in every day and their willingness to play team basketball. The support we get from the parents and, our community as a whole, is greatly appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed. I'm very grateful to be a part of this program and I hope we made the community proud this season."

Sectional Semi-Finals at Randolph on Thursday, February 18th

This year the four sectional teams were re-seeded to determine brackets, the breakdown is Mishicot-1, Randolph-2, Crandon-3, St. Mary's Catholic-4. The lady Cardinals will make the three and a half hour ride to Randolph on Thursday for the sectional semi-final game GOOD LUCK GIRLS!

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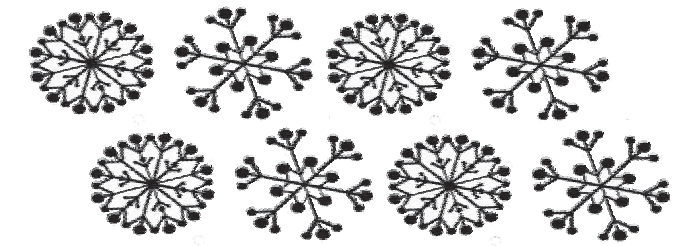
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 maintained by counties. The features of these sites differ from county to country, but most have property boundaries, size of lots, and who owns them. The property lines are overdrawn on the aerial images. Sometimes the boundary lines don't match up exactly with the pictures. Some might even have archived aerial surveys to compare.

Forest County recently updated their aerial survey after hiring a company to fly and photograph the county in Spring of 2020. The data is all compiled and should be available on the County website shortly.

A very useful government site is the USDA's Web Soil Survey. This is great for woodland property owners, farmers, or gardeners who want to analyze what kind of activities your soil is suitable for (optimize for wildlife, recreation, timber production, etc.).

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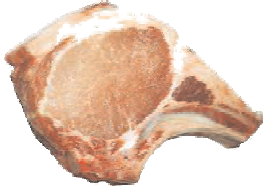
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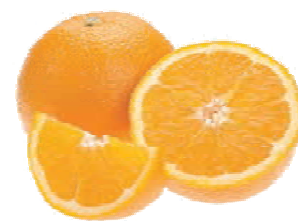
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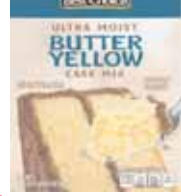
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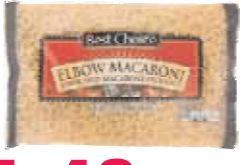
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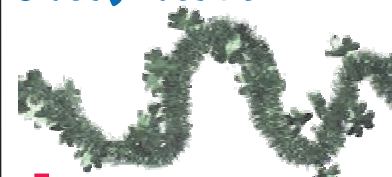
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Dear Community Members,

The School District of Wabeno Area is proposing an operational referendum on April 6, 2021.

This referendum will be used to support existing District operations and improve student opportunities. We are asking permission for a maximum of \$2.5 million over each of the next five school years (2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 and 2026-2027.) We need this referendum as the current funding formula used by the State of Wisconsin does not provide the dollars necessary for us to continue to offer a high level of educational programs and services for our students.

Previously approved referendum monies have allowed for greater student access to technology and revised courses aligned to higher academic standards. Our ability to stay up-to-date with technology has allowed our District to transition to At-Home Learning efficiently when needed.

The Board of Education plans to hold public informational meetings in February and March. The dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 2, Wabeno Town Hall 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 9, Blackwell Town Hall 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 10, WHS Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 22, WHS Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 23, Freedom Town Hall 7 p.m.

The School District has been financially frugal with general spending, staff reductions, and changes of insurance. These reductions have had a minimal impact on the School District. Further reductions will be detrimental to the educational success of our students and community.

If we fail to pass this referendum, the District will have several options: another referendum next spring, continued staff reductions, cuts in extra-curricular activities, fees for food service programs, or dissolution of our School District. **If the District dissolves, your taxes do not disappear. You will pay taxes at the mill rate of the new district where your property is located.** Currently, the mill rates of our neighboring school districts are higher than the mill rate would be in our District with this referendum. The following chart provides mill rate information.

School District	2020-2021 Mill Rate
Wabeno Area	\$6.41 (\$7.05 w/passed referendum)
Laona	\$11.83
Florence	\$9.75
Suring	\$7.24
Crandon	\$9.14
White Lake	\$12.42
Crivitz	\$6.52
Elcho	\$6.47
Wausaukee	\$6.74
Goodman/Armstrong Creek	\$16.41
Niagara	\$11.36
Beecher-Dunbar-Pembin	\$12.49

We appreciate the taxpayers continued support of the School District and our communities. If you would like more information, please contact the District Administrator, School Board members, or review the referendum informational link on our School District website www.wabeno.k12.wi.us.

School District of Wabeno Area Board Members,

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Crandon Elementary 4K Enrollment Day

This is a day to enroll your child in the School District of Crandon's 4K program.

- Only the child to be screened and one adult should attend
- All children 4 years of age by September 1, 2020 who have not already participated in a 4K open house
- Bring child's birth certificate and immunization record
- Monday, February 22nd, 2021
- 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Crandon Elementary School (Use District Office entry doors)
- District office will buzz you into the building
- Please sit in one of the available chairs strategically placed 6ft apart
- COVID precautions will be implemented

Developmental Screening

The School District of Crandon is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children, with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, and homeless children. The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities is known as child find. This agency conducts the following child find activities each year, developmental screenings of preschool children.

- Only the child to be screened and one adult should attend
- All children ages 3-5 who are not currently enrolled in 4K or KG
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- 10:00am - 3:00pm
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BIDS WANTED School District of Laona

The School District of Laona is looking for bids for our courtyard project. The project will consist of removing material, grading, building a concrete retaining wall and walkway and fix drainage issues.

For further details regarding the specifications and scope of the project, please contact John "Gus" Klementz at 715-674-2143 ext. 207. You can set up an appointment with him to review the project. Sealed bids will be accepted until March 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the March 8, 2021 board meeting. The project needs to be completed by July 31, 2021. A certificate of insurance must be provided before the start of the project.

Please send sealed bids to:
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Monday - Breakfast sandwich, hash brown patties, pears, fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, pineapple chunks, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Delivered meals
Thursday - Waffles, sausage patties, strawberries, fruit juice, milk
Friday - Breakfast Stromboli, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Feb. 22 - 26

Monday - Assorted pizza bread stick, cheesy broccoli, strawberries, garden bar, milk
Tuesday - Hot dogs, potato wedges, peas & carrots, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
Wednesday - Delivered meals
Thursday - Cheeseburger, curly fries, baked beans, green beans, grapes, cookies, garden bar, milk
Friday - Shrimp scampi, primavera fettuccini, garlic bread, poached pears, garden bar, milk

School District of Laona Storage Garage Bids

The School District of Laona is seeking bids for a vehicle storage garage. Please contact John "Gus" Klementz at (715) 674-2143 ext. 207 for a copy of the building plans or if you have any questions about the project. Bids are due Friday, March 5, 2021. All bids will be opened during the March 8, 2021 board meeting. The project will begin June 4, 2021 and must be completed by August 31, 2021. A certificate of insurance must be provided before the start of the project.

Please send sealed bids to:
School District of Laona
Attn: Garage Bid
5216 Forest Ave Ste A
Laona, WI 54541

FOREST COUNTY, WISCONSIN INVITATION TO BID C.H.I.-D. PROJECT

The Forest County Highway Department will be accepting sealed bids for pulverization, prepping/final grading & Asphaltic Concrete mixture, paver laid asphalt 3" depth after compaction on 13,875'x 20' wide of County Road P. This project will start 400' West of Hagerman Lane heading towards Highway 32/55N. All materials must meet State of Wisconsin Specifications. Asphalt mixture should be E-0.3, 12.5 mm or E-1.0 12.5 mm mix.

Verification sheets will be required - please include all costs associated with testing in your proposal. All asphalt driveways are to be saw cut & butt joints. This project must be complete by June 24, 2021.

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Preferred applicants will have three years of nutrition experience or any combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities.

Application and position description may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520. The deadline for applications returned to the County Clerk is Monday, March 15th, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

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

Application materials, including the position description and summary of benefits may be obtained at www.co.forest.wi.gov or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E Madison Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520 or by calling (715) 478-2422. The deadline for applications and resumes returned to the County Clerk is Friday, February 19, by 4:30 p.m.

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Lady Cardinals undefeated in Conference: Win 4th straight regional title



By Erica Neilltz

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Seeding for regionals put the Cardinals at the one seed giving them a first round by. Their first match up was the regional semi-final at home against the four seeded Gillett Tigers on Friday, February 12th. Gillett brought a well-disciplined team with a strong inside presence to challenge the Northern Lakes Conference Champs but it wasn't enough to stop the hard charging team play of the lady Cardinals who had four players in double digits.

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