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Merry Christmas

Conservation Corner

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Fresh water in Wisconsin is becoming increasingly salty. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 47 rivers and lakes in our state are categorized as impaired due to high chloride concentrations. Elevated salt levels in lakes, streams, and wetlands threaten our fisheries, tourism, economy, quality of life, and the health of our aquatic ecosystems. Road salt is the primary culprit, followed by salt from conventional water softening systems.

Over 525,000 tons of salt (sodium chloride) are applied to Wisconsin roadways each year. Deicing salt does its job by dissolving into snow and ice, but once it's dissolved it goes where the snowmelt goes – often into storm sewers and directly into our lakes and streams.

Another source of contamination is the 40-lb bags of salt that we pour into our water softener's. The brine that's left also ends up in our freshwater either through infiltration from private septic systems or direct discharge from the sewage treatment plants that are unable to desalinate wastewater. Whether these salts are shuttled straight to surface waters or slowly infiltrate into groundwater, all the salt that we bring into Wisconsin ends up in our fresh water.

Salt is a permanent pollutant in lakes, streams, and wetlands. Elevated salt levels stress plants and animals that have adapted to freshwater environments. Before reaching lethal levels, chloride has a variety of direct and indirect impacts on the health of organisms in aquatic ecosystems. Fish experience decreased rates of growth, frogs are more susceptible to parasites, and the embryonic survival of salamanders declines as salt concentrations increase. Researchers hypothesize that the young of many species are impacted before the adults because the organs (kidneys, gills, etc.) that help with osmoregulation, the regulation of salts in the body, are not yet fully formed. As salt levels go up, the one winner is algae. Expect greener, murkier waters as water gets saltier because the zooplankton that eat algae are highly sensitive to salt.

Surface water is not the only victim of salt pollution. In Wisconsin's capitol, salt pollution of both upper and lower aquifers is forcing the Madison Water Utility to prepare for the closure of one drinking water well in the next 10-15 years and another 10-15 years after that. Elevated concentrations of sodium in drinking water are a concern for individuals on low-sodium diets. According to private well water data from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, drinking water across the state has elevated levels of chloride; it's likely that sodium levels are elevated as well, but it is not often tested. We do know, throughout most of the state, that our water now comes to our taps pre-salted. Additionally, now that our groundwater is salted, our lakes and streams are recharged with salty water.

Beyond the very clear impacts to our freshwater resources, over salting is becoming a costly endeavor. By weakening metal, concrete, brick, and stone, one ton of road salt causes between \$800 and \$3,300 in damages as it prematurely ages our roads, bridges, and vehicles. Nationwide, we spend \$5 billion annually to repair salt damage to roads and bridges and we're not keeping up.

Forward-thinking municipalities across the state are rethinking winter maintenance. They are ditching the outdated mindset around salt that "more is better" and

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Ringing In, Reaching Out, and Reflection

Something as simple as a wave, signaling awareness of another.

Whether passing in a car, or confirming that we see that hiker or jogger-sharing the same street and world. That we care about others on our separate paths.

Life brings us together, an intersection of disparate lives.

Decades of friendship, years of working together, Months of shared space, or occasional meetings seeking a common goal to benefit the team, or future generations.

So many chances to create a bond, with a hand or heart.

Perhaps a phone call that has been postponed far too long, with too many excuses. Maybe even a real letter, that lasts, and gives life to the words selected. Or those less fulfilling electronic means that seem to be the quick and safe norm.

If only, "a hand across the aisle" as we lament so much lost civility.

It is not that difficult to take the chance. To acknowledge someone, whether across the continent or across the community.

What a gift-given and received, appreciated and welcome.....

A gift that just possibly might inspire similar gestures,

That would even make Santa smile.

Peter J. Davison 2021

Public Health Advisory Anticipated Surge in COVID-19 Disease Activity due to Omicron Variant Wisconsin Residents Should Take Urgent Action to Prevent Hospitalizations and Deaths

The highly contagious Omicron Variant of COVID-19 has been detected in Wisconsin and is anticipated to cause a rapid increase in disease activity in the coming weeks. Public health officials are actively researching how Omicron differs from other variants. Current data from other states and regions of the world show that it spreads more easily than previous strains, including the Delta variant. There is a serious risk that continued, increased numbers of COVID-19 cases will overwhelm an already strained health care system, leading to dangerous situations where patients experiencing medical emergencies may not be able to receive immediate, adequate, life-saving attention and care due to lack of hospital capacity.

Taking action to prevent or minimize the impending surge in hospitalizations and deaths is the responsibility of all Wisconsinites. We can all do our part to

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Santa delivers to Nu-Roc



Bob, head of the Maintenance Department at Nu-Roc, prepares to deliver the Christmas presents to Nu-Roc residents brought by Santa (with the assistance of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church).

Church members could not deliver the presents themselves this year or go caroling in person because of a COVID outbreak at the nursing home facility. This is more proof that COVID is not stronger than the Christmas spirit.

1,711 cases of covid-19 (44 active) confirmed in forest county

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 133 persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) as of December 17th, for a total of 1,711 cases in Forest County. There have been 15 probable cases this month for a total of 98 probable cases along with 7 COVID-19-associated deaths. County health officials and local partners are contacting others with whom the individuals who tested positive had close contact with. There are currently 44 active cases in isolation, 1,631 released from isolation, 5 hospitalized, and 40 deaths related to COVID-19. This is a snapshot of numbers, they are continuously changing throughout the day.

The Health Department encourages community members to practice good hand hygiene, wear a mask or cloth face covering when necessary, 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. If you are interested in a COVID-19 vaccine, please call our office or your primary care provider.

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 and local newspapers. Concerns? Call 715-478-3371.

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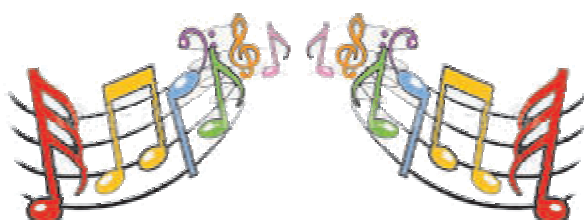
Wabeno Lions Christmas Caroling



On "Frosty" Saturday evening, the Wabeno Lion's Club took to the streets, with dual "people haulers," decorated with Christmas lights and equipped with a sound system, Christmas caroling with "Santa Baby"! He handed out candy bags for kids, as well as decorated cookies, and spread some Christmas fun with his cheerful wit!

Winding thru the town's streets, it was not a "Silent Night", with booming "Jingle Bell Rock" music and flashing lights! There was a stop and a "Jingle Bells" sing-thru at the Wabeno Heights apartments, too. Lion Paul Ehlinger was "Rudolph", skillfully guiding our "Sleigh Ride" for 3 1/2 hours of caroling. Our appreciation to the Wildcat Den for re-hydration and pizza.

To everyone in the Northwoods, from the Wabeno Lion's Club "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"!



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Whitetail Logging, 64
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IND HIGH GAME
Lisa Sacerich, 186
Cindy Miller, 172
Penny Carter, 170
IND HANDICAP GAME
Lisa Sacerich, 244
Cindy Miller, 222
Tiffany Miller, 206
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IND HIGH SERIES
Penny Carter, 463
Cindy Miller, 461
Lisa Sacerich, 433
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Cindy Miller, 611
Lisa Sacerich, 607
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TEAM HIGH GAME
Whitetail Logging, 574
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Cassidy's Café, 524
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Prospect Lodge, 759
Rusty's, 726
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TEAM HANDICAP SERIES
Prospect Lodge, 2244
Rusty's, 2122
Cassidy's Café, 2067
6Pack: Lisa Sacerich, 244
6Pack: Cindy Miller, 611
Pizza: Prospect Lodge, 2244
HIGH AVERAGES
Chris Geske, 156
Penny Carter, 152
Kellee Gallion, 150
Kris Anderson, 146

AREA EVENTS

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Crandon Wrestling Team takes 1st at Auburndale



Crandon wrestlers and coaches holding the first place trophy.
On Saturday, December 18, the Cardinals traveled to Auburndale to compete in a 15 team invitational. The Cardinals had the most team points giving them the first place trophy! Wrestlers, also, competed for individual standings. Crandon sent six wrestlers to the championship round. At 106# Mason Dewing (1st place), 120# Eian Wilson (2nd place), 126# Elias Glinski (2nd place), 152# Cole Shepherd (2nd place), 195# Silas Dennee (2nd place), and HW Conner Lawrance (1st place). Other individuals who placed were 132# Ty Dennee (3rd place), 138# Renn Marvin (7th place), 145# Carsyn Mayer (7th place), 160# Carter Bissonette (4th place), 182# Rowyn Pagel (3rd), HW Ethan Thorbahn (8th place), and HW Kolten Keao (9th place). Way to go boys!

The Cardinals will be wrestling Wednesday, December 22, at Rhinelander in the Hodag Dome beginning at 10:30 A.M.



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COVID-19 surge causing delays in health care access

WAUSAU, Wis. – Wisconsin saw its highest level of COVID-19 hospitalizations this week since January 2021 according to the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

Similar surges are occurring throughout the Midwest and creating critical access issues. The need to care for COVID-19 patients in our communities continues to grow amid industry-wide staffing challenges.

Aspirus Health and many other systems are delaying non-emergent surgeries that would require a hospital stay because patient rooms are currently in high demand.

“When you need access to emergency care or care that requires an inpatient hospital bed, that care may be delayed or it might be harder to come by,” said Robin Rudie, Aspirus Wausau Hospital Emergency Department Director. “We might be asking you to consider transferring to another hospital location in our system to get a bed.”

Wisconsin surpassed New Hampshire for the most COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people on December 14 according to The New York Times.

Contributing to the current surge is the fact that the majority of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 continue to be unvaccinated.

As of December 17, 106 of the 137 patients in the Aspirus system hospitalized for COVID-19 were not fully vaccinated. Over 90% of the 43 COVID-19 ICU patients are not fully vaccinated.

“I’ve been a nurse for 20 years. I’ve been at Aspirus for 22 years and this has been by far the hardest two years of my career,” Rudie said.

Patients are still encouraged to seek medical attention if they need care but should be prepared to wait for non-emergent needs.

Aspirus and health systems throughout the region have implemented vaccination programs for their employees to create the safest environment possible within their facilities.

“The staff are committed. They’re here. They’re ready to continue to keep serving our community, but we do need our communities’ help,” Rudie said. “We do need help encouraging people to mask in public places, encouraging people to get vaccinated, or get the booster when it’s available to them.”

COVID-19 vaccinations are available through Aspirus Health and numerous pharmacies in our communities. Boosters or initial vaccination series can be scheduled through Aspirus using the MyAspirus online patient portal or mobile app. Appointments are also available by calling the Aspirus COVID-19 Call Center at 844-568-0701 or 715-843-1454. The Call Center has been experiencing high call volumes, so community members are encouraged to use MyAspirus for convenience.

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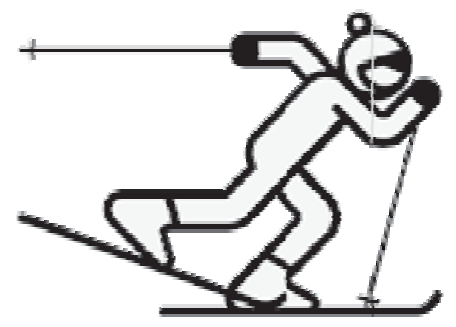
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Dear Editor:

The pandemic has taught us many lessons including how to navigate this new world of social distancing and isolating ourselves. What we've all experienced is a constant reality for many older people and people with disabilities: loneliness and social isolation.

In the U.S., 40% of people who have a disability and 43% of people age 65 or older say they feel lonely some or all of the time. Two-thirds of adults in the U.S. are socially isolated, with 66% reporting that their anxiety levels have increased during the pandemic according to the AARP Foundation. Studies confirm that there are serious physical, emotional, and psychological health impacts due to loneliness and social isolation.

What can we do? We can each check in on friends, family and neighbors now and all year round. Make a friendly phone call or schedule a video chat to see how someone is doing. Ask if they need anything – groceries, supplies for a hobby, or their driveway or walk shoveled. If you live nearby, knock on their door. Have a brief conversation observing safety restrictions, of course. Encourage them to join you outside if they can safely do so – even if it's just for a few minutes. They'll benefit from the human contact – and so will you.

So, let's all do what we can to support older people and people with disabilities. The simple act of showing you care can make a world of difference for someone who is alone and lonely.

Signed,
Tammy Queen
Forest County Office on Aging Director

Felzkowski Statement on Sale of Verso Mill

Yesterday, the Verso Corporation announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement with Swedish firm BillerudKorsnäs, which is set to acquire Verso for approximately \$825 million. The merger was unanimously approved by the Verso shareholders board and is expected to be complete in mid-2022.

"It is incredibly exciting news to see movement on the sale of the Verso Mill in Wisconsin Rapids. Just last week, my Senate Forestry Committee and Representative Mursau's Assembly Forestry Committee hosted a joint Informational Hearing on the state of the timber and forest products industries, and the one universal theme we heard throughout the day was the outsize effect and rippling consequences of the mill being shut down. The Verso Mill is one of the foundational pillars of the industry in Wisconsin and I know this news will be a very deep sigh of relief for many in the Northwoods.

Although I am concerned that BillerudKorsnäs' merger statement failed to mention the Wisconsin Rapids mill, while going into detail on the investments they will make in Verso's two Michigan mills in Escanaba and Quinnesec, I remain optimistic that this new ownership is a step in the right direction. I am sure we will find out more in the coming days.

I congratulate BillerudKorsnäs on this acquisition, and their expansion into the North American markets. They will find that many in the Wisconsin paper and timber industries are ready to roll up their sleeves and get back to work. I look forward to learning more about their plans for the Verso Mill in Wisconsin Rapids and stand ready to assist all parties in ensuring the mill can get up and running, become viable and profitable, and provide stability to the timber markets in our region."

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embracing precision applications of salt combined with a renewed focus on mechanical removal. Educating operators, calibrating equipment, and incorporating salt brine are several of the methods that are enabling communities to reduce salt use by 30-70%.

As individuals, we can support our municipal public works staff by staying off roads during winter storms as pressure from constituents often drives the over-use of salt. We can also improve personal practices around our homes and places of work by using winter salt wisely and making sure our water softener is not a salt hog. Get tips on how you can be Salt Wise at <https://wisaltwise.com/TakeAction>. A quality ice scraper could preempt your need for deicing salt. A salt-free water treatment device may solve hardwater scale issues equally as well as a salt-based softener. Whatever steps you take, your local freshwater lake or stream, and the freshwater species that call it home, will appreciate it!

Death Notices


Gary Lee Kevilus, Born to Bernard and Betty (Thomaschefskey) Kevilus, in Laona, Wi. on January 18,1960. Passed away on December 16, 2021 at Ascension St, Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander, Wi. He was raised and lived on his parent's family farm in Argonne until his time of death.

There will be no funeral services per Gary's request. Weber-Hill Funeral Home assisted the family.



Bus Schedule

Pam Blank has decided to resign from her bus driver position and we are in the process of hiring a new bus driver. Until we can fill the position, individuals may use the New Freedom Transportation service to go shopping in Crandon and/or Rhinelander. The cost to use the service for shopping will be \$4 per day. The phone number to call is 715-233-1070. Participants will need to call at least 48 hours ahead of when they want to go shopping. If you have any problems using the service, please call our office at 715-478-3256 to let us know and we can assist with setting up transportation. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. We will let everyone know when we resume the bus routes. Please be patient during this time. Thank you.



Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA
Monday - December 27 - CLOSED

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - December 28 - CLOSED

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Wednesday - December 29 - CLOSED

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED
Thursday - December 30 - CLOSED

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Thursday - December 30 - CLOSED

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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.

Belva Marceal Houle, 89, of Crandon passed away Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at her home surrounded by loved ones. Belva was born June 29, 1932 in Niles, Michigan, the daughter of Martin and Margarette (Hoffman) White. She was united in marriage on January 24, 1948 to Joe Houle and he preceded her in death.



Belva enjoyed crocheting and knitting with her friends and going to craft shows. She liked traveling to Canada with her family for many years. She loved all of her family dearly. Belva really enjoyed her time with her friend, Emily, going out to dinner with her, and just having her company. Belva loved going for rides with her daughter, Anne and having her nails done by her granddaughter, Jenny.

Surviving are her daughters, Susan Quade of Crandon, Anne (Tom) Olson of Argonne and Lisa (Charles) Black of Appleton; sons, Jim (Peggy) Houle of Crandon and Robert (Nancy) Houle of Crandon; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lillian Kulaf of Monico; brother, Louis White of Crandon; and very good friend, Emily.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Martin and Margarette White; husband, Joe Houle; sister, Vivian Littleton; brother, Martin White; and son-in-law, Ed Quade.

Honoring Belva's 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.



Brian Thomas Gish, 60, of Eau Claire passed away Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Mayo Hospital in Eau Claire. Brian was born November 27, 1961 in Crandon, the son of Robert and Jennie (Gryczkowski) Gish. He was united in marriage on August 22, 2020 to Rebecca Menenga. He served in the U.S. Navy during Desert Storm.



Brain was a very kind and giving man. He had a heart of gold.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca Gish of Eau Claire; mother, Jennie Gish; step-daughter, Amanda Wilson of Marshfield; step-grandchildren, Jessica, Gabriel, Aden and Levi; and sister, Susan Shelly of Antigo.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Gish; brothers, Gene Norman and Alexander Gish; and step-granddaughter, Shelby Wilson.

Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 2021 at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery with Military Honors.

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As of December 6, 2021, there have been 150,036 total COVID-19 cases among pregnant people, resulting in 25,402 hospitalizations and 248 deaths in the United States. Approximately 7,000 pregnant Wisconsin residents were diagnosed with COVID-19 between January 2020 and July 2021. Nationally, the largest spike in deaths among pregnant people with COVID-19 occurred during August-October 2021, after vaccines were widely available. This is consistent with Wisconsin data.

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective for people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or plan to become pregnant. COVID-19 vaccines are not associated with infertility. Early data suggest that vaccination during pregnancy may also provide protection against COVID-19 for infants. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine all recommend COVID-19 vaccination at any stage of pregnancy or while breastfeeding. Booster shots are further recommended for pregnant people who have completed their primary vaccination series. COVID-19 vaccination is also strongly recommended for people planning to become pregnant in the future. Research has shown that COVID-19 vaccines are not associated with infertility and do not impact a person's ability to become pregnant.

Despite the increased risk of adverse effects of COVID-19 during pregnancy and the safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, vaccination rates among pregnant people remain critically low. Nationally, only 34.8% of pregnant people were fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of December 4, 2021. In Wisconsin, 60.7% of female residents of reproductive age (15-49 years) are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, although that percentage is likely much lower among pregnant Wisconsin residents.

CDC has called for urgent action to accelerate primary vaccination and booster doses for people who are pregnant, recently pregnant (including those who are lactating), who are trying to get pregnant now, or who might become pregnant in the future. Wisconsin providers should intensify COVID-19 vaccine education and promotion efforts among the groups referenced above.

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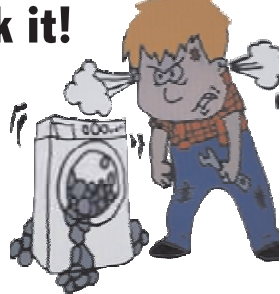
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Climate Change Impacts on our Northwoods: A Naturalist's Perspective

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The 1:00 pm program will be held virtually and is open to the public. Visit www.lwvnow.org to find out more about John Bates, this program and to register.

The LWVNOW encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. The local league is affiliated with the state and national League of Women Voters, a non-partisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process. LWVNOW's monthly programs and sponsored events are open to all. The LWVNOW can be contacted at information@lwvnow.org. Answers to questions about voter registration and voting can be found at vote411.wi.org, from your local clerk, or your local library.



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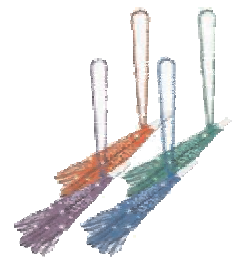
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Forest County Building Maintenance Worker

Forest County is currently accepting applications for one (1) full-time (40 hours per week) Building Maintenance Worker. Preferred applicants must have experience in all facets of buildings and grounds maintenance including maintenance of all County owned properties as well as hold a valid driver license and maintain one for this position.

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, December 27th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

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Position Vacancy-Forest County Office on Aging

The Forest County Office on Aging is accepting applications for a part-time Bus/Van driver position that includes two (2) positions; one (1) requiring a CDL and one (1) not requiring a CDL. Applicants must possess a valid Wisconsin's Driver's License, and have a good driving record. Applications and Job Descriptions are available at the County Clerk's office.

Applications should be returned by mail to the County Clerk's office, 200 East Madison St. Courthouse Crandon, WI 54520, or by email at nmatuszewski@co.forest.wi.us by 4:30, Monday, December 27, 2021.

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Coaching Positions Available

The Laona and Wabeno School Districts are taking applications for the following coaching positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Assistant Track Jump Coach
- JH Golf
- Head Basketball Coach
- Assistant Baseball Coach
- Assistant Head Football Coach
- 6th grade MSGBB Coach-- Please contact me by Dec. 20 if interested.

Candidates should send an email to mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us by January 25, 2022.

The School District of Wabeno Area in accordance with Wisconsin Fair Employment Practices Act, Wisconsin Statute 111.31, does not discriminate in hiring practice based on gender, age, race, color, creed, religion, genetic information or testing, physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability or handicap, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, arrest record or conviction record. The School District of Wabeno Area is an equal opportunity employer.

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NETWORK ENGINEER Full-Time, Exempt

Purpose Responsible for daily maintenance & support of PCCH's IT Network infrastructure. Develops & implements new Network segments & keeps PCCH's Network secure & up-to-date with industry standards. Assists in ensuring system hardware, operating systems, software systems & related procedures adhere to organizational value.

Major Duties

- Manage, maintain & troubleshoot Cisco network infrastructure in an aggressive, latency-sensitive environment.
- Manage & maintain policy-based firewalls such as Cisco.
- Program routers, switches & other networking hardware.
- Design & implement best practice network strategies to interface software & hardware with all needed departments.
- Assist with implementation of all software to meet the needs of the Casino while ensuring network security is not compromised.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or related field is preferred; minimum of five years verifiable experience required.
- Current Certification in at least one CCNP, CCIE and/or CISSP
- Comprehensive understanding of network services and networks such as TCP/IP, OSPF and EIGRP
- In-depth understanding & practical knowledge of networking systems such as LAN, firewalls & routers.

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES
Post Date: December 20, 2021 Closing Date: January 10, 2022
Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com

Submit applications/ resumes to: Courtney Vaughn, Human Resources Manager
618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021
E-mail: courtney.vaughn@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

School District of Laona Vacancy
4K-5th Grade School Counselor

The School District of Laona is seeking a 4K-5th grade school counselor. This position will start immediately. The school counselor works collaboratively with teachers, administrators, families and community organizations to design and deliver a comprehensive system of student supports. Applicants must have a Master's Degree in school counseling and have or be eligible to obtain a Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School Counselor license.

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license and 3 current letters of reference or apply on WECAN by Friday, December 31, 2021 to:

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IT MANAGER Full-Time, Exempt

Purpose Supports & assists the IT Director in accomplishing the information technology (IT) objectives of all IT initiatives for PCCH. Works with the IT Team in understanding, researching & implementing PCCH's network infrastructure, ensuring system hardware, operating systems, software systems & related procedures adhere to organizational value & are secure & up-to-date with industry standards.

Major Duties

- Assists in reviewing and approving all contracts related to IT Systems, hardware & software.
- Ensures sufficient systems capacity for organizational needs.
- Assists in developing and administering all operating & capital departmental budgets.
- Oversees the procurement, maintenance, inventory & disposal of all assets associated with their area of responsibility.
- Responsible for the operation of all computers within the PCCH Network, as well as stand-alone computers & peripherals.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science or related field is preferred; minimum of four years verifiable experience required.
- Three years of verifiable supervisory experience is required.
- Minimum of one year verifiable departmental budgeting experience is preferred.

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Job Posting-Town of Laona

The Town of Laona is accepting applications for a full-time position with the Laona Streets Department. Applicants must have a valid driver's license with a clean driving record. CDL endorsement is required at the time of hire. Experience operating, maintaining, and repairing heavy equipment and trucks will be a plus. Pay will be based upon experience.

Full benefits package is available upon completion of probationary period. Applications can be picked up at the Laona Town Hall, 5146 Linden Street, Laona WI 54541. Applications will be accepted until 3pm Tuesday, January 4, 2022. Any questions please call the Town Hall 715-674-4071
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Public Health Advisory Cont. from pg. 1

slow the spread of Omicron by collectively taking several simple actions. These include:

- Getting vaccinated for COVID-19, including a booster dose as soon as you are eligible.
- Wearing a well-fitting mask in indoor spaces when others are present who do not live with you.
- Celebrating safely over the holidays by keeping gatherings small, getting tested before visiting others, and staying home if you test positive or have any symptoms.

Further information regarding the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommendations to reduce the spread of COVID-19 is outlined below. All Wisconsinites should follow these actions to protect themselves, and those most vulnerable in our communities, against COVID-19. We all have a critical role to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19. For more information about how to stay protected and stop the spread of COVID-19, call 211, or contact your local health department.

Get vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination remains essential to protecting your health and slowing the spread of COVID-19. While cases of the Omicron variant are growing, the overwhelming majority of COVID-19 infections in Wisconsin are still being caused by the Delta variant. The authorized COVID-19 vaccines remain highly effective at preventing severe disease and death from DPH Memo Page 2 of 2 Delta. Evidence also suggests that fully boosted people are protected against serious illness and hospitalization from Omicron. Everyone ages five and older is eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Boosters are also available for everyone ages 16 and older.

Wear a mask. Mask wearing is advised for everyone ages two and older at indoor gatherings, regardless of vaccination status. Given high rates of COVID-19 transmission currently occurring in all 72 counties, and given the emerging evidence that the Omicron variant is more contagious than the Delta variant, DHS advises that everyone should wear a well-fitting mask in all public indoor settings. Masks continue to be an effective strategy to prevent COVID-19 infection.

Get tested for COVID-19. Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested, regardless of their vaccination status. If you are exposed to COVID-19, get tested five to seven days after exposure. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, stay home while you are waiting for your results. Trusted testing partners include health care providers, local health departments, and community testing sites. At-home COVID-19 tests can also be used before gathering with family and friends. DHS currently provides free at-home collection kits, a type of at-home test, for all Wisconsinites. DHS also recommends that everyone continue to complete the appropriate quarantine or isolation guidance after being exposed to, or diagnosed with COVID-19. Due to the large numbers of cases, not everyone who has COVID-19 or is exposed will get a call from public health. Individuals can assist public health efforts by informing their close contacts who were exposed to COVID-19.

Special considerations for holiday gatherings. To prevent the spread of disease, gatherings outside of your immediate household should remain small. It is important for individuals to know whether they have an active COVID-19 infection before gathering. Consider getting tested before spending time with others outside of your household. Gatherings should also occur in well ventilated spaces and are always safer outdoors.

People who are immunocompromised should wear a mask, and take additional precautions like getting tested for COVID-19 before a gathering. Everyone should wear a well-fitting mask if you are celebrating with someone who has a weakened immune system, is at an increased risk of severe disease, or is unvaccinated. Getting tested for COVID-19 before gathering with groups from different households, including if you are traveling, can reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to friends and family.

BIDS AND NOTICES

Wabeno Residents:
Recycling Center Holiday Hours
Saturday, December 25, 2021
(Christmas Day): Closed
Sunday, December 26, 2021
Open normal hours
Saturday and Sunday, December 31,
and January 1: Open as normal.



Wabeno School
Breakfast Menu
Dec. 27 - 30
Monday - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday - NO SCHOOL
Thursday - NO SCHOOL
Friday - NO SCHOOL

Wabeno School
Lunch Menu
Dec. 27 - 30
Monday - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday - NO SCHOOL
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Forest County Tavern League Donates to Forest County Humane Society

On December 17, 2021, the Forest County Tavern League presented a check to Chrystal Ross of the Forest County Humane Society with a check of \$250.00. This donation will be matched by the Wisconsin Tavern League Foundation.

Dinner Theater meal provided by Wabeno Foods students with FCCLA assistance



Students in Foods Class with the assistance of FCCLA members made a meal that was available as part of the dinner theater program. They made walking tacos and red velvet cupcakes. They look forward to putting together a meal for the spring musical.



Town of Lincoln Chairman's quarterly Update

Jason Headson 715-966-1699
JasonHeadsonLincoln@gmail.com

It has been about 6 months since you have heard from me and here are some of the things that have been going on.

Personal: We are back to full force with some training still going on. If you see the guys plowing snow this winter give them a little extra space and a wave as they come by with the plow trucks. As we get the guys up to speed on plow routes and timing storms correctly, please have patience as we iron out the wrinkles this snow season.

Infrastructure: We have gotten all of our roads paved, and crack sealed that we budgeted for, which is always a great thing. You may or may not have noticed the work being done around the Town Hall. We are prepping for a future pavilion picnic area. This is a project that was started before I began, but have taken a special interest in it. I have donated a few days of my time to level off the future parking and green areas with a dozer that was also donated to the town to use. I have also acquired a grant that will pay for a play ground area for the Towns folks to use when they want. My plan is to use as much grant money and donations as I can on this project.

Broadband: Update on Starlink; if you haven't gotten on the waiting list yet and are looking for quick and dependable internet with no data caps, sign up. I do not have one complaint from it, 6 months and no issues. 150-200mbps download and no loss of connectivity during heavy snows or storms. Northwoods Connect is still looking for a site for a tower, please contact them or any town board member if you have a spot. Northwoods Connect also received a large grant for broadband improvement, and some parts of the town will be getting fiber installed which should improve internet for folks in those areas.

It looks like winter is here and looks to stay for a while, go out and enjoy all that the town and the county has to offer. From snowshoeing to snowmobiling, skiing to ice fishing, and so much more. Take advantage of it. From my family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New year. As always, I am available by phone, email, or any other way you can track me down and please like the Town's Facebook page for future correspondences and updates.

Jason Headson

Animal Resource Fund - 2021

Cory Campbell

As we close out 2021, and we reflect back on the fourteen years we have been in operation, we have been able to accomplish many good things in the name of animals.

We have held many free shot clinics, spay/neuter clinics, paid vet bills, furnished thousands of pounds of pet food, furnished not only dog houses, but provided the warm bedding to go in them. I guess the bottom line is this: we sincerely hope that we have been a positive element in our community.

These last two years, 2020 and 2021, have made things difficult, if not impossible, not only for A.R.F, but for our entire country. But - we are still alive and well. However, we've just been forced to offer help to animals in whole different ways. It naturally has cost more for spays and neuters because of the inability to host clinics. But the safety of all concerned has been, and remains our top priority.

The thing that has affected us the most, of course, has been the inability to hold public fund raisers. Thank God, we have had faithful supporters who've been there for the animals with financial and moral support.

This past Spring, when covid had slowed and our nation was breathing a sigh of relief (albeit hesitant) we thought we'd finally be able to get back to business as usual. That was but a very brief reprieve.

Last winter and now the beginning of this season, we have bagged straw for bedding for dogs that are being housed outside. This we furnish free to all who need it. One of our volunteers, Sandy Conley, has delivered to homes if transportation has been an issue. ARF has provided pet food the same way.

We get several calls a week on pets needing veterinarian care, but their families just don't have the money to get them in, even for an office visit and exam. We have always been there for them. To date, no one has ever been refused aid.

We're anxiously looking forward to 2022 being the turn in the road everyone is praying for. As soon as it is safe to hold events in a public setting, we will be hosting free clinics again. Until that time, we will continue to operate as we have been taking care of one animal at a time making sure none go hungry, without warmth and comfort, or without medical care when it's needed.

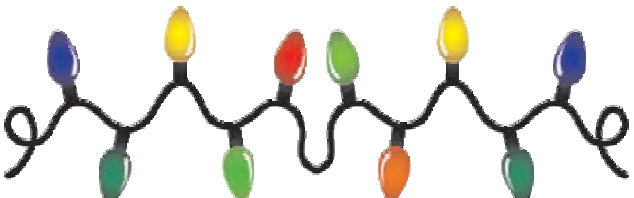
We appreciate all who've partnered with us to keep our animal welfare organization afloat financial aid, volunteering, offering moral support. To all who have helped animals in any way may God Bless you in great and wonderful ways.

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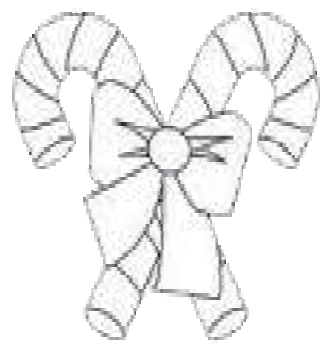


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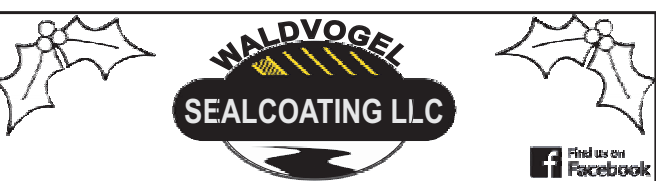
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It's the perfect opportunity for us to send you all our holiday best... along with our thanks.



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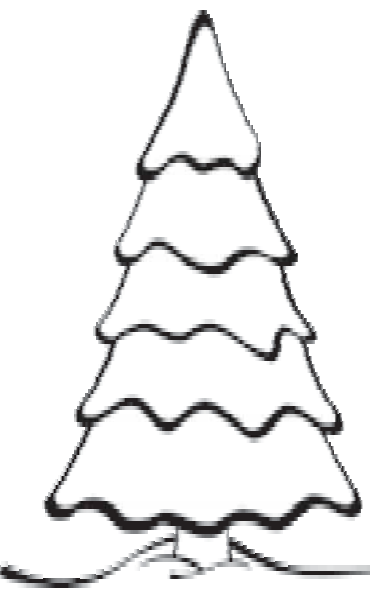



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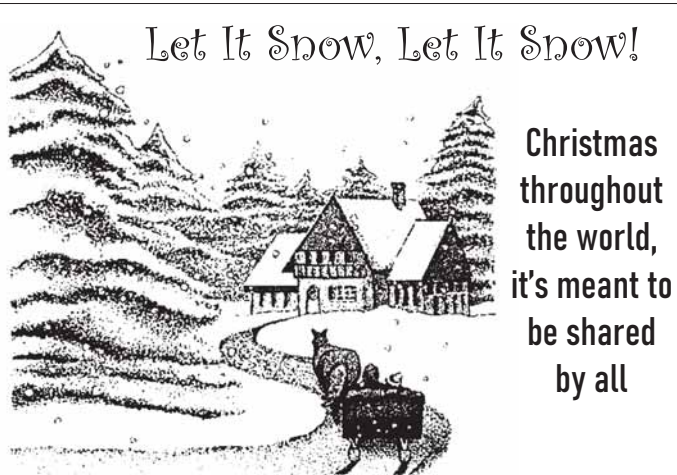



At this holiday season, our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our year a successful one.

Happy Holidays

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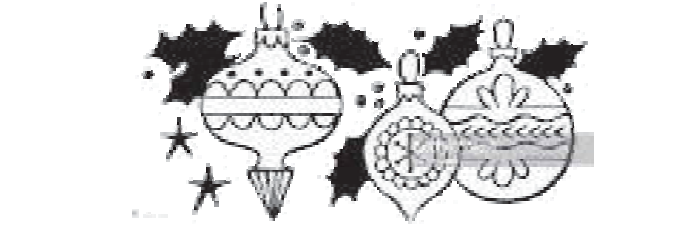


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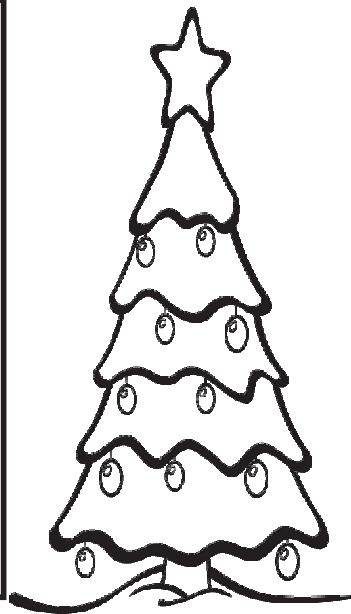


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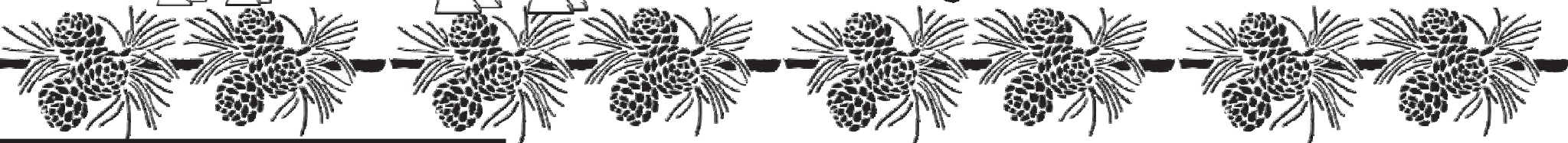
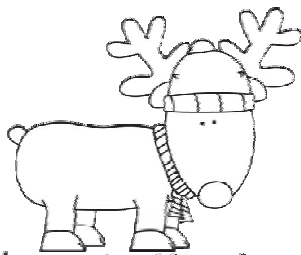
May the blessings of Christmas fill your heart & home with love!



Thank you to all my customers!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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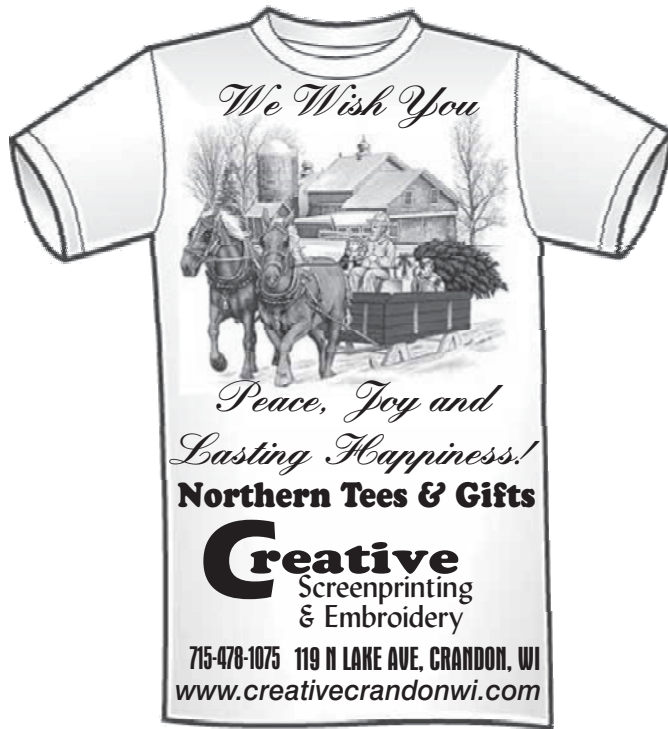
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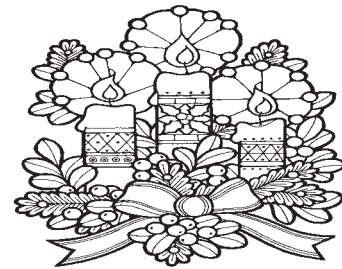
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you season's greetings and
good wishes. May your
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filled with joy.

George Stamper,

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Jodi Albrecht,



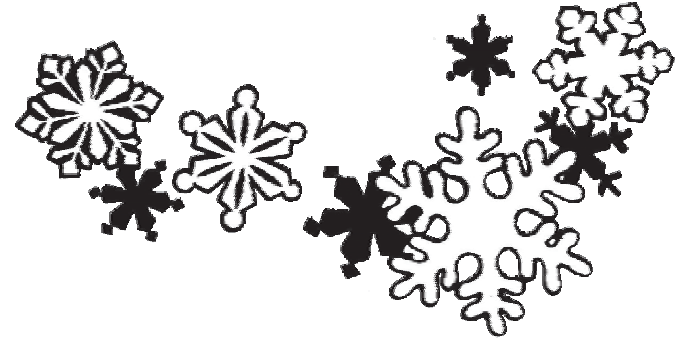
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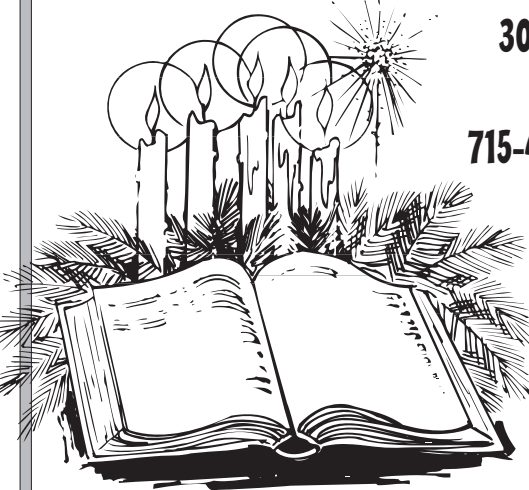
During this Holiday season
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Bells

To the earth, peace,
to the season, joy
and to our friends,
old and new,
many thanks and
may all the joys
of the season
be yours!

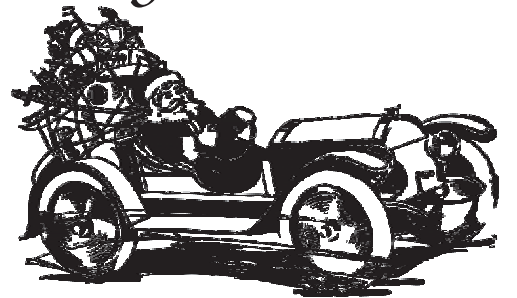
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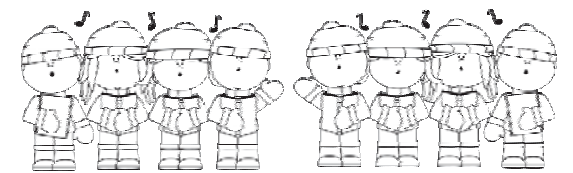
Flowers from the Heart on 5th
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**BOTH STORES WILL CLOSE AT 2:00 PM
ON CHRISTMAS EVE
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY!**

Merry Christmas



For all the world to share,
simple joys of a country Christmas.
Thanks, friends, for your kind support.



May you and yours
share all the
joys of the
holiday season and
may you have
a new year filled with
blessings and
happiness
From all of us at

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**To All Our Customers
Best Wishes for Christmas
& Happy New Year**

**Merry
Christmas
and
Happy New
Year**

**From
Parsons of
Crandon**



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express our
appreciation for your
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May all the joys of the
season be yours!*

Happy Holidays

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CHRISTMAS HOURS:

Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve - 8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day - CLOSED

NEW YEARS

Dec. 31st - New Years Eve - 8:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Jan. 1st - New Years Day - CLOSED

**Wishing you a Fabulous
Holiday Season!**



Whether near
or far remember
loved ones this
time of year!

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& Happy New Year
from all of us at*

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thoughts
and best
wishes for a
wonderful
Holiday
Season and
a very
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Year!

**Our sincere thanks for your loyalty
and good will throughout the year.**

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& Cooling Inc.**

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The stockings were
hung by the chimney
with care.....

Merry
Christmas and
Happy
New Year
to all our friends
and customers

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Happy Holidays!

Thank you to all of my
customers for making 2021 a great
year! I appreciate all of your
business and look forward to
serving you in 2022.

Thank you to my employees
for all of your hard work and
dedication throughout the year, you
are the best! We wish you all a
fantastic holiday season and Happy
New Year!

Nick - Sally - Chelle - Michelle



Christmas Greetings



May the beauty of the season renew each heart with hope

Weber Hill Funeral Home

Crandon & Wabeno

Greg, Susan, Tammy & Shane

**Happy
Holidays!**

*From everyone
at the Log Cabin Cafe*

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on Friday, Dec. 24
thru Jan. 2, 2022
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Wabeno FCCLA students serve Veterans breakfast



Wabeno Students in FCCLA were delighted to serve breakfast on Veterans Day to Veterans and their families.



Star of the Week in Physical Education at Wabeno Elementary



Physical Education teacher, Ms. Ganser, picks one student out of all the K-5th classes to be the Star of the Week in Phy. Ed. She selected Camden C. to be the Star of the week from December 6th- 17th. Camden is very helpful to his peers. He demonstrates leadership skills and has an enthusiastic attitude in physical education. He enjoys being active and never fails to put forth the effort. Way to go, Cam!

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Thank you for your patronage!



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TUES, DEC. 28TH & WEDS. DEC. 29TH

- 7:00 PM - (2) \$50 Cash, (2) \$50 in Free Play
- 8:00 PM - (2) \$75 Cash, (2) \$75 in Free Play
- 9:00 PM - (1) \$100 Cash, (2) \$100 in Free Play
- 10:00 PM - (1) \$150 Cash, (2) \$150 in Free Play
- 11:00 PM - (1) \$200 Cash, (2) \$200 in Free Play

THURS. DEC. 30TH

Two winners at each drawing time, for Cash & Free Play!

FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST

- 12:00 PM - (2) \$50 Cash, (2) \$50 in Free Play
- 1:00 PM - (2) \$75 Cash, (2) \$75 in Free Play
- 2:00 PM - (2) \$100 Cash, (2) \$100 in Free Play
- 3:00 PM - (2) \$150 Cash, (2) \$150 in Free Play
- 4:00 PM - (2) \$200 Cash, (2) \$200 in Free Play
- 7:00 PM - (2) \$175 Cash, (4) \$175 in Free Play
- 8:00 PM - (2) \$200 Cash, (4) \$200 in Free Play
- 9:00 PM - (2) \$300 Cash, (4) \$250 in Free Play
- 10:00 PM - (2) \$400 Cash, (4) \$300 in Free Play
- 11:00 PM - (2) \$500 Cash, (4) \$350 in Free Play
- 12:15 AM - (1) \$2,022 Cash & (4) \$400 in Free Play



FRIDAY SEAFOOD BUFFET
ALL YOU CAN EAT
\$12.99 4PM - 8PM
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New Year's Eve Bash
Friday, Dec. 31
Doors Open @ 12:30pm
Early Birds @ 3pm
Regulars @ 4pm
Paper Packs \$25, additional packs \$20
Special Packs \$13



Standard Package: \$200
1 Night Standard Hotel Room
(2) \$50 Free Play Certificates
(1) \$25 Food Voucher

Suite Package: \$300
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(2) \$100 Free Play Certificates
(1) \$25 Food Voucher



Windtalkers Lounge Live Music
FRIDAY DECEMBER 31
9PM - 1AM
AND
SATURDAY JANUARY 1
8PM - 12AM
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