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A look at the past



In recognition of the new year we are about to embark on, you will notice many vintage photos scattered about the pages. It is a look at life in decades past.

We are currently in a trying time with the covid pandemic, but it is good to bear in mind that the people who lived back when these photos were taken also lived through some rough times. There was, of course, the Spanish flu pandemic, polio, smallpox, diphtheria and a great many other diseases, many of which medical science has curbed to the point of not being thought of anymore. There were also wars and depressions that came and went. The covid blight will also be in the past.

The old photo above is of the Milwaukee House, an Argonne hotel. It should be noted that the left part of this building still serves as a home, while the rest has been torn down. It is on the north side of the Jerry Gibson property.

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.

By the time you read this, Christmas will be over and you'll be thinking of what to do with your Christmas tree. Here's a little history about them.

Germans are credited with starting the decorated Christmas tree tradition in their homes in the 16th century. In the US, the Pennsylvania German settlements had community trees as early as 1747. It wasn't until the 19th century that Christmas trees exploded with popularity. Evergreen trees have historically held special meaning for people around the world. Early cultures saw the evergreen plants as a promise that the Sun would halt its wintry decline into darkness and return to herald Spring.

The Puritans in America pushed back on decorating a Christmas tree in the home. They believed that celebrating Christmas with decorations was a mockery of faith. This translated in law when the General Court of Massachusetts in 1659 enforced a law that fined people for hanging decorations on Christmas day. Christmas trees eventually became so popular that they outnumbered the beliefs of the Puritans. Wealthy homes decorated the tree boughs with lit candles that were melted or pinned on the branches. Blown-glass ornaments were offered for sale in Britain and the United States as early as the 1870s, many produced in small workshops in Germany and Bohemia, which also created decorations made from tinsel, cast lead, beads, pressed paper, and cotton batting.

In England, the Victorian tree was decorated with toys and small gifts, candles, candies, popcorn strings, and fancy cakes hung from the branches by ribbons and by paper chains. Queen Victoria was very popular and the things she would wear or partake in often gained popularity in Britain and in the east coast societies of America

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Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile Club donates to Christian Food Pantry



Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile President Dennis Pommering presents a check and food to Scott Wycherley of the Christian Food Pantry in Lakewood.

The Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile Club donated food items collected at their December 14th Christmas party to the Christian Food Pantry located in Lakewood.

But based upon the great need in the surrounding area, the club's Board of Directors decided that just collecting food items wasn't enough. Dennis Pommering, President of Paul Bunyan Riders, presented a check for \$250 from the club to Scott Wycherley of the food pantry. The cash donation will be used to purchase other items needed by the approximately 80 families helped on a monthly basis.

CDC Updates and Shortens Isolation and Quarantine Period for General Population

Given what we currently know about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, CDC is shortening the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to 5 days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others. The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after. Therefore, people who test positive should isolate for 5 days and, if asymptomatic at that time, they may leave isolation if they can continue to mask for 5 days to minimize the risk of infecting others.

Additionally, CDC is updating the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19. For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. Alternatively, if a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure. Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

Isolation relates to behavior after a confirmed infection. Isolation for 5 days followed by wearing a well

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Forest County snowmobile trails opened on Dec. 28

Forest County Snowmobile Trails will be opened at Noon on Tuesday December 28, 2021 for the snowmobiling season. Forest County has about 406 miles of state funded trails maintained by five snowmobile clubs including the 100 Mile Snow Safari, Lumberjack Memorial Trails, Black Bear Sportsmen's Club Trails, Three Lakes Trails and the Tombstone-Pickerel Trails.

Snowmobile clubs have been panning the trails and have all trails cleared and signed.

Please remember that the Nicolet State Trail, the Wolf River State Trail, and the Valley Trail are the ONLY snowmobile trails in Forest County that are currently open for ATV and UTV use. The Forest County Snowmobile Trail Ordinance currently prohibits ATV, UTV use and motor vehicle use on all other snowmobile trails in Forest County. Snowmobile trails are "NOT" open for motor vehicle use or hunting. THOSE DRIVING TRUCKS ON TRAILS ARE SUBJECT TO FINES THROUGH THE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAIL ORDINANCE.

Updated trail condition reports can be found daily by calling the Forest County Snowline at 715-478-3475 or logging onto the Forest County website at www.forestcountywi.com. This website also provides links to local snowmobile clubs which provide daily grooming reports and maps of the Forest County trail system. You may choose to log on to a specific snowmobile club for trail information including the 100 Mile Snow Safari at www.100milesnowsafari.com or Lumberjack Memorial Trails at www.lmstsnwmobiletrails.com or Tombstone-Pickerel Trails at www.tombstonepickerel.com or Three Lakes Trails at www.threelakestrails.com.

The Department of Tourism also provides statewide snowmobile travel conditions at www.travelwisconsin.com/snow-conditions-report/snowmobile.

1,734 cases of covid-19 (16 active) confirmed in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 146 persons have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since December 1st, for a total of 1,724 cases in Forest County. There have been 16 probable cases this month for a total of 99 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 16 active cases in isolation, 1,680 released from isolation, 3 hospitalized, and 40 deaths related to COVID-19. This is a snapshot of numbers, they are continuously changing throughout the day.

The Forest County 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 every two weeks 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.

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News of area college students
The following student(s) have been named to the 2021 fall semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.
Kassidy Ashbeck-Wabeno

Scenes From Yesteryear



It was school days in Cavour. This picture obtained from the late Ursulla Barber shows the school in Cavour and presumably one of the classes and the teacher. Judging by the long skirt on the teacher, it was probably before World War I. Unfortunately, there was no writing on the original photo to tell us who the kids were or the teacher. It would be nice to know the names, and possibly, there may be some of our readers who has a great grandma or great grandpa in this photo. This appears to be the school that still stands in Cavour, which is now a private residence.



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DNR urges ice anglers to protect waterways from aquatic invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species when ice fishing this winter. While aquatic invasive species have made their way into Wisconsin's waterways, anglers can reduce transmission by checking for and removing any mud or plant material clinging to their gear, including sleds used to haul supplies, before leaving fishing spots. Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Aquatic invasive species can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the quality of boating and fishing in Wisconsin waters. Two common non-native aquatic plants in Wisconsin include the curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil which remain hardy in winter giving them an advantage over native aquatic plants. Although the plant-like algae starry stonewort, a relative newcomer aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin, dies back for winter, its tiny, star-shaped bulbils may be present in the mud drawn up from augers. The larvae of invasive snails and mussels can also be found in the water and mud during winter. For more information about aquatic invasive species, including where they are prohibited and restricted in Wisconsin, visit this DNR webpage. A few minutes of preventative action can help preserve and protect waterways for generations to come. Before stepping onto the ice to fish and when leaving, ice anglers should:

- Inspect boats, trailers and equipment for attached aquatic plant, animals or mud
- Remove all attached plants or animals
- Drain all water from boats, motors, livewells, buckets and other equipment
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

Editor's Note: I am not sure how many people take their boat ice fishing. I suspect that someone in the DNR who was in a hurry made some changes to the summer fishing press release. It does remind me, however, of a story that Charlie May used to tell about him and Herb Adams trying ice fishing. According to Charlie they went to Little Rice Flowage to try their luck. He said it didn't work out. By the time they had chopped a hole big enough to get their boat in the water, it was time to go home. He said they gave up on ice fishing after that.

Gail Anne Lemerande, 76, of Laona, WI, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by family on December 22, 2021.



Gail was born October 18, 1945, to Iner and Mildred (Biever) Osgood in Laona, WI. She grew up in Laona and Crandon. Gail married Robert Lemerande on September 25, 1964, in Crandon, going on to have four children, Barbara, Tracy, Tim and Tom.

Gail went to school for cosmetology. Throughout her life Gail worked at Goodman Lumber Company, City of Crandon Police Department, Cheney's Supper Club, and was the Town Clerk for Laona, served on the Laona School Board, and drove school bus for the Laona School District for 30 years. Her most rewarding job was raising her four children.

In her spare time, Gail enjoyed spending time with family, watching Jeopardy, strolling on Facebook, playing solitaire, swimming, taking road trips with her daughters, word searches, drinking an ice-cold Coca-Cola, going to Palubicki's Eats and Treats, and spending time with her friends at the Laona Senior Center.

Gail is survived by her four children, Barbara (Mark) Javoroski of Green Bay, Tracy (Erhard Jr. / Tig) Huettl of Wabeno, Tom (Tracy) Lemerande of Appleton, and Tim Lemerande of Appleton.

She will greatly be missed by her 10 grandchildren, Katie, Amber (Kyle), Nikki, Nadine, Robbie, Autumn (Charlie), Spencer, Conner (fiance, Sophia), Everett, and Hope.

She will also be missed by her 13 great-grandchildren, Logan, Tanner, Taylor, Liberty, Dominic, Zayne, Jackson, Madilyn, Cheyenne, Brayden, Aleya, Danaerys, and Charlotte.

She is further survived by her sisters-in-law Corrine Lemerande, Pat Osgood and Mary (Pat) Amerson, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert of 57 years, her brothers Denny and Mike, sister and best friend Marge, and numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law.

Gail was also proceeded in death by many other people. Some she liked, some she didn't. If you didn't know Gail's opinion of you, either you didn't ask or weren't listening.

Celebration of life will be held at St. Leonard's Catholic Church hall in Laona on January 22, 2022, from 11am to 2pm. Lunch will be provided.

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

Death Notices

Chester (Chet) Twardowski, 83 of Eagle River, passed away peacefully at Rennes Health and Rehab Center of Rhinelander on 12/21/2021, with family by his side.



Chet was born April 16th 1938, in Goodman, Wisconsin. Chet is the son of Joseph and Sophie (Leonard) Twardowski.

Chet spent 1958-1962 in the United States Army where he was a Parachutist in the 82nd Airborne Division. He then moved to the Fox Valley area where he worked for Gideon and Louis, Fox Valley Tool and Die, and a Paper Mill for a short amount of time until retirement. Chet lived his entire life as a bachelor. This allowed him to spend much of his time deer and duck hunting, fishing and woodworking. After retirement, he bought a home in Eagle River not far from the Derby Track where he could always be found in a skybox enjoying his love of snowmobiles. Summertime would take him to multiple tractor shows across the state, which was another of his favorite past times. He loved his garden time and spent a great amount of time there. Chet loved to work around his house. He took daily trips to the local coffee shops to spend time with his friends. He enjoyed telling his Army, hunting, fishing, woodworking stories and a good joke of course.

Chet worked for a brief amount of time at the Eagle River Ace Hardware for something to do after his retirement. He also volunteered at the Northwood's Children's Museum for many years.

Chet loved his family dearly, rarely missing a holiday at the home of his brother, Francis (Frank) and sister-in-law, Darlene Twardowski on Bog Brook Lake. His good company and stories will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Chet is survived by niece, Helen (John) Houts, Wabeno, WI; Chuck (Kris) Twardowski; Herod, II; John (Dawn) Twardowski, Wabeno, WI; Peggy (Jay) Jameson, Wabeno, WI; one Godchild, Alyssa Peterson, Antigo, WI. Also, numerous nieces, nephews, and great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Also, needing to be mentioned are two special gentlemen in Chet's life are Gary (Beth) Giessel, Rhinelander, WI and Alan (Jodi) Giessel, West Bend, WI. Also, special young lady Margie Rychlock and her daughter Sage, Eagle River, WI.

Chet is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Sophie Twardowski; brother, Francis (Frank) Twardowski; sister-in-law, Darlene Twardowski and nephew, Francis Twardowski Jr.

In Honoring Chet's wishes no services will be held. There will be a Celebration of Life in the Spring of 2022.

Chet's family would like to thank all of the staff at Rennes Health and Rehab Center of Rhinelander and Compassus Hospice.

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

Robert "Bud" F. Kuhrasch, 96, of Laona passed away Sunday, December 26, 2021 at The Bay at Nu Roc Nursing Home, Blackwell. Robert was born February 17, 1925 in Chippewa Falls the son of Frank and Alma (Roberg) Kuhrasch. Bud was united in marriage on November 27, 1957



to Rita Buschatz in Wabeno. Bud graduated from Chippewa Falls High School in 1942 at the age of 17 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, which his parents signed paper so he could enlist. Bud served during WWII and took part in the Normandy Invasion at Omaha Beach on D-Day.

Bud began his career in the fall of 1948 as a special warden for Warden Wes Newcomb out of Superior, Wisconsin. In the winter of 1949 he was a special warden under Louie Radke and Kelly Jones at Black River Falls and in the spring for Pat Oshesky on the Wolf River. For the remainder of 1949 to February of 1950, Bud was assigned his first station at Richland Center and received his permanent credentials on July 20, 1949. In February 1950, he was assigned to Laona, where he has been stationed since that time.

Bud's program is exemplified by his outstanding reputation in the community. Everyone knew and respected him as a fine warden and gentleman. His continuing law enforcement and public relations work has earned strong support for the Department in his area. This good will and respect earned him the Haskell Noyes Award in 1971 as the outstanding warden in the state for that year.

Bud was a member of the Masons for over 65 years, the VFW, American Legion Post 44, Wabeno, Laona Lions Club and the Nicolet Country Club.

Bud was an avid hunter, fisherman, golfer and spending time at his beloved cabin. Bud and Rita were fortunate to have spent 31 years wintering in Las Vegas. Bud enjoyed when he went on the Honor Flight with his son, Frank in 2016. Above all, he loved and was proud of his family.

Surviving are his wife and best friend of 64 years, Rita Kuhrasch; daughter, Bobbie Kuhrasch, Laona; son, Frank (Cindy) Kuhrasch, Arena; granddaughters, Rebecca (Mitch) Foster and Kristin (Asa) Kuhrasch; grandson, Benjamin Kuhrasch; great-grandson, Otto Foster and many nieces, nephews and great friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Alma Kuhrasch; sister, Carol (Lawrence) Sorenson; niece, Susan Sorenson and lifelong friend Judge William Shaughnessy.

The Kuhrasch family would like to thank the Nu-Roc Nursing Home and Compassus Hospice for their compassionate care.

One of dad's favorite quotes was from Billy Graham- "My home is in heaven, I'm just traveling through this world"

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

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

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program

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Monday - January 3 - CLOSED
Monday - January 10 - Roast pork, parsley potato, sweet and sour cabbage, dinner roll, fruit cup
CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - January 4 - Ham, potato and egg fritatta, fruit, biscuit, berry cobbler
Tuesday - January 11 - Turkey tetrazzini casserole with noodles, carrots, spinach salad, jello with fruit
CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Wednesday - January 5 - Chicken veronique, baked potato with sour cream, peas and carrots, wheat bread, apple pie square
Wednesday - January 12 - Lemon chicken, parsley potato, green beans, fruit, wheat bread, chocolate pudding
WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED
Thursday - January 6 - Beef chili with beans, tossed salad with cheese, raisins, dinner roll, brownies
Thursday - January 13 - Lemon chicken, parsley potato, green beans, fruit, wheat bread, chocolate pudding
ALVIN
Thursday - January 6 - Beef with gravy over noodles, California blend veggies, canned peaches, biscuit, chocolate chip cookie
Thursday - January 13 - Bean soup with ham, dark green leafy salad with carrots and tomato, corn bread muffin, lemon pie

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

Crandon site manager Debbie Brock is at 920-946-3020. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Alvin nutrition site manager Tammy Wolfe is at 715-545-3323.

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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Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

In the United States, President Franklin Pierce put one up at the White House in 1856, and by the 1870s fresh-cut trees were being sold at Washington Square Park, and pretty ornaments at Macy's.

Edward Johnson, an associate of Thomas Edison, created the first string of Christmas tree lights on December 22nd of 1882. These were first sold in New York City. People decorated their trees with homemade ornaments such as apples, nuts, or cookies in the early 20th century. Popcorn was dyed with bright colors and interlaced with berries and nuts.

From 1887-1933, a fishing schooner called the "Christmas Ship" would dock at the Clark Street Bridge in Chicago, Illinois, and sell spruce trees from Michigan to Chicagoans.

In 1931, a small undecorated tree was placed by construction workers at the center of the Rockefeller Center building site in New York. Two years later a Christmas tree with twinkling fairy lights was placed in the same location and has continued to be a tradition to this day. The tallest tree displayed at Rockefeller Center arrived in 1948. It was a Norway Spruce that measured 100 feet tall and hailed from Killingworth, Connecticut. Since 1997, the lighting of this tree has been broadcast live on television.

Scenes From Yesteryear



A lovely home now occupies this peninsula jutting out into Crandon's Lake Metonga, but back in the 1940's and 1950's, it was a resort. The World's End Resort was, we think, owned by Doc Jahn back in those days. Of course, the road around the lake has been upgraded a bit as can be seen by the rock wall. There are likely many older people who remember the great times they had as a kid staying at the World's End Resort.

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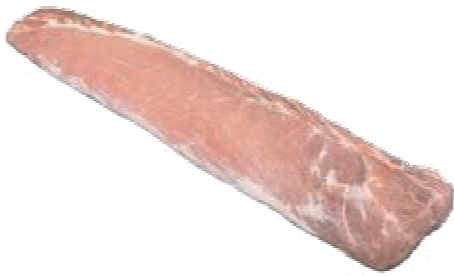
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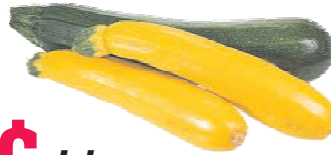
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BIDS AND NOTICES



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA
PL81-874 IMPACT AID MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
LIBRARY – WABENO AREA JR/SR HIGH
SCHOOL
AGENDA**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Attendance
3. Discuss the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting
4. Explanation of Impact Aid Program
5. Review and revise School Board Policy 2112.01 – Tribal and Parent Involvement
6. Building Updates:
 - a. Elementary School Principal will report on Native American participation, events, and goals at the Elementary School.
 - b. Junior/Senior High Principal will report on Native American participation, events, and goals at the Junior/Senior High School.
7. Public Input – Future Goals
8. Any other business allowed by law.
9. Adjourn

Natural immunity is not a good alternative to a COVID-19 vaccine

WAUSAU, Wis. – Numerous uncertainties and conflicting information continue to circulate around COVID-19 immunity. Aspirus Health providers frequently receive questions about natural immunity compared to immunity created through vaccination.

Immunity is the body's ability to protect an individual from getting sick when exposed to an infectious agent such as a bacterium, virus, parasite or fungus.

"You have two basic ways to become immune to something," says Aspirus Hospitalist Dr. Adam Clements. "You can acquire natural immunity by becoming infected with something. Or there's acquired immunity that comes from the placenta from the mother, breast milk, antibody infusion or from a vaccine."

Dr. Clements has been a Hospitalist for six years and treating COVID-19 patients at Aspirus Wausau Hospital (AWH) since the pandemic hit our community.

"Our group has taken care of probably the largest number of COVID patients with the help of our ICU colleagues. So, people who are sick enough to be admitted who are not on a ventilator are taken care of by us," says Dr. Clements. "Being unvaccinated is number one, two and three on the list of risk factors."

One of the biggest reasons patients at Aspirus cite for not being vaccinated is their belief in natural immunity.

"Natural immunity is great for mono. People don't die from mononucleosis, the immunity lasts a long time, but it's not good for influenza. It mutates too fast... it's not good for HIV because once you've got it, you've got it," Dr. Clements said. "Which one is better really depends on the illness. For COVID, natural immunity is not an effective or wise strategy."

Natural immunity from COVID-19 can be spotty. A recent CDC study found that 36% of COVID-19 cases didn't result in development of SARS-CoV-2 antibodies.

Additionally, natural immunity fades quicker than immunity from a COVID-19 vaccine.

Real-world studies indicate natural immunity's short life. For example, 65 percent of people who start with a lower antibody baseline from infection completely lost their COVID-19 antibodies within 60 days.

The most recent COVID-19 news has focused on the omicron variant. New data show that the omicron variant is now considered the most dominant version of the coronavirus – making up 73 percent of new COVID-19 infections last week in the U.S.

"Omicron has a lot of mutations in the spike protein. And Omicron actually arose in South Africa or perhaps in other places in the setting of natural immunity," Dr. Clements said. "It's already demonstrated its ability to evade that. It's here. Natural immunity doesn't work. And it's dangerous."

There are still a lot of unknowns about the omicron variant, but health officials do know that it spreads very fast.

Getting COVID-19 is very risky and can result in long-term disease, lasting organ damage, hospitalization or even death. Even if your own infection is mild, you can spread it to others who may be at risk for severe illness and death.

The authorized and approved vaccines are safe and highly effective against severe illness or death due to COVID.

"I have never seen anyone die from a vaccine-related complication," Dr. Clements said. "I see people die of COVID every single day at this hospital."

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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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School
Immediately Following Impact Aid Meeting
AGENDA**

- II. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum.
- III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2)).
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Agenda Approval.
- VI. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3.
 - a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person).
 - b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community.
 - c. Public Participation.
- VII. Approval of Minutes.
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on December 1, 2021.
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the Laona/Wabeno Co-op Meeting on December 8, 2021.
- VIII. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll.
- IX. Informational Items
 - a. Jeff Walsh, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
 - b. Bill Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will present updates and information.
 - c. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
 - d. Bob Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, will present updates and information.
 - e. Board Member Reports.
- X. Action Items.
 - a. Discuss and take possible action as recommended to NEOLA Policy po2112.01 (Tribal and Parent Involvement) and po8600.
 - b. Public Hearing Esser III input.
 - c. Discuss and take possible action on Kerber-Rose phone call on annual audit report.
 - d. Discuss and take possible action for Open Enrollment for the determination of spaces available for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - e. Discuss and take possible action on administrative contract rollovers.
 - f. Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s).
 - g. Discuss and take possible action on resignation(s).
 - h. Discuss and take possible action on compensation recommendations for 2022-2023.
 - i. Discuss and take possible action on wrestling overnight trip.
- XI. Motion and roll call vote to go into closed session. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f), the Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:
 - a. District Administrator Evaluation and contract rollover.
 - b. Discussion involving possible addition of staff positions and individuals for the position(s).
- XII. Motion and roll call vote to return open session to take possible action on items discussed in closed session.
- XIII. Motions and action resulting from closed session, if any.
- XIV. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.
- XV. Adjourn.

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

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District Administrator

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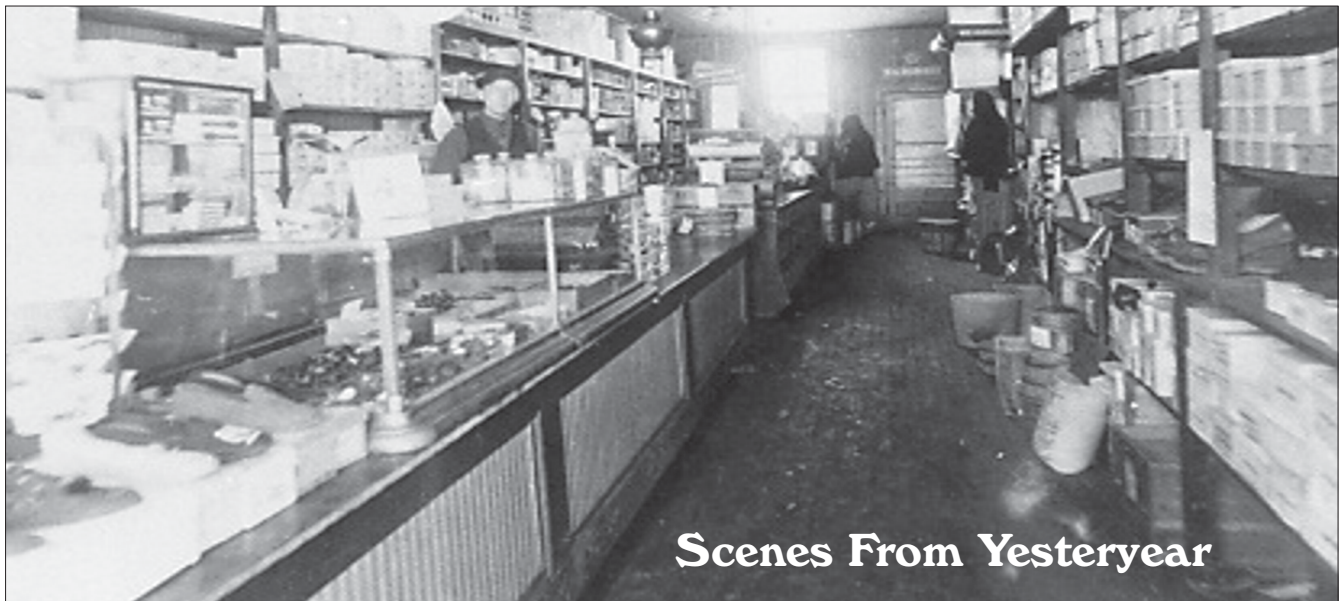
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**Wabeno School
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 3 - 7**

- Monday** - Breakfast pizza, yogurt, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - Cheese omelets tator tots, yogurt, pears, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Cereal bar, muffins, yogurt, apple sauce cup, fruit juice, milk
Thursday - Pancakes, sausage links, yogurt, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk
Friday - W. G. cinnamon roll, yogurt, cantaloupe/ honeydew, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School
Lunch Menu
Jan. 3 - 7**

- Monday** - Spaghetti meat sauce/marinara, garlic bread, California blend, peaches, garden bar, milk
Tuesday - Corn dogs, potato wedges, corn, pineapple tidbits, garden bar, milk
Wednesday - Assorted pizza, garlic bread stick, peas & carrots, apple sauce, garden bar, milk
Thursday -Asian rice bowl, chicken, Oriental vegetable, Mixed berries cup, garden bar, milk
Friday - lasagna, breadstick, green beans, kiwi slushies, garden bar, milk



Scenes From Yesteryear

It is safe to say that nobody in Laona or anywhere else remembers shopping in this store. The Connor company store went up in smoke back in 1914, and the brick building now standing in this spot has ceased to operate. But, back in the early days of Laona's sawmilling and logging history, this was considered a great place to buy the necessities of life plus, no doubt, a few frills. It was a one stop shopping center with food, clothes, tools and as can be seen in the photo, boots and shoes. A Connor worker could charge what they needed and have the bill paid for by a payroll deduction. This kept the balance down and also gave the store a cash flow.

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DNR urges ice anglers to protect waterways from aquatic invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and UW-Extension are asking anglers to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species when ice fishing this winter.

While aquatic invasive species have made their way into Wisconsin's waterways, anglers can reduce transmission by checking for and removing any mud or plant material clinging to their gear, including sleds used to haul supplies, before leaving fishing spots.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and diseases that cause great ecological, environmental or economic harm. Aquatic invasive species can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the quality of boating and fishing in Wisconsin waters.

Two common non-native aquatic plants in Wisconsin include the curly-leaf pondweed and Eurasian watermilfoil which remain hardy in winter giving them an advantage over native aquatic plants. Although the plant-like algae starry stonewort, a relative newcomer aquatic invasive species in Wisconsin, dies back for winter, its tiny, star-shaped bulbils may be present in the mud drawn up from augers. The larvae of invasive snails and mussels can also be found in the water and mud during winter.

For more information about aquatic invasive species, including where they are prohibited and restricted in Wisconsin, visit this DNR webpage.

A few minutes of preventative action can help preserve and protect waterways for generations to come. Before stepping onto the ice to fish and when leaving, ice anglers should:

- Inspect boats, trailers and equipment for attached aquatic plant, animals or mud
- Remove all attached plants or animals
- Drain all water from boats, motors, livewells, buckets and other equipment
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

Editor's Note: I am not sure how many people take their boat ice fishing. I suspect that someone in the DNR who was in a hurry made some changes to the summer fishing press release. It does remind me, however, of a story that Charlie May used to tell about him and Herb Adams trying ice fishing. According to Charlie they went to Little Rice Flowage to try their luck. He said it didn't work out. By the time they had chopped a hole big enough to get their boat in the water, it was time to go home. He said they gave up on ice fishing after that.

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Frozen road law goes into effect north of Hwy 8 Dec. 30

Wisconsin's frozen road law takes effect Thursday, December 30 at 12:01 a.m. for the region designated by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) as Zone 1 which includes US 8 along with numbered state and federal highways north of US 8. The frozen road determination for other portions of the state will be made once conditions warrant.

This allows vehicles hauling abrasives or salt for highway winter maintenance and certain forest products to carry more weight over the frozen roads. The seasonal weight restriction program is one way to protect Wisconsin's investments in roads.

An interactive map showing the Seasonal weight restrictions and load limit boundaries is available on the WisDOT Maps and GIS and weight restriction pages. Layers on this GIS map show the frozen roads boundaries, Class II roads and posted roads for easy reference. Behind the declaration

The declaration is issued once the ground under highway pavement is frozen to a depth of at least 18-inches, allowing the maximum gross weight for trucks hauling logs or salt and sand for maintaining roads in winter to go up to 98,000 pounds on vehicles with a minimum of five axles (from the normal 80,000 pounds). Special permits for hauling the increased weights are not required in Zone 1, however, vehicles must be legally licensed at 80,000 pounds to handle the increased weights. The higher weight limits do not apply to county or local roads unless authorized by the local agency having maintenance authority. Also, higher weights may not be transported on any highways or bridges specifically posted for lower weight limits.

The "Motor carrier/trucker" section of the WisDOT website contains comprehensive information impacting commercial motor vehicle operators including weight restriction programs and frozen road declaration. Customers can also check a recorded message on the Frozen Road Hotline at (608) 266-8417. Haulers with specific questions can contact WisDOT's Oversize/Overweight Permits Unit at (608) 266-7320.

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Scenes From Yesteryear



The St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel is an event that is looked forward to every year. These pictures are from the parade taken in 1992. That will make 30 years come March 17, 2022. It is safe to say that the parade has been a success!



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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

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-fitting mask will minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others. Quarantine refers to the time following exposure to the virus or close contact with someone known to have COVID-19. Both updates come as the Omicron variant continues to spread throughout the U.S. and reflects the current science on when and for how long a person is maximally infectious.

Data from South Africa and the United Kingdom demonstrate that vaccine effectiveness against infection for two doses of an mRNA vaccine is approximately 35%. A COVID-19 vaccine booster dose restores vaccine effectiveness against infection to 75%. COVID-19 vaccination decreases the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. CDC strongly encourages COVID-19 vaccination for everyone 5 and older and boosters for everyone 16 and older. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on our communities. The following is attributable to CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky:

"The Omicron variant is spreading quickly and has the potential to impact all facets of our society. CDC's updated recommendations for isolation and quarantine balance what we know about the spread of the virus and the protection provided by vaccination and booster doses. These updates ensure people can safely continue their daily lives. Prevention is our best option: get vaccinated, get boosted, wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial and high community transmission, and take a test before you gather."

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- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home.
- If you: Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted OR Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted OR Are unvaccinated
- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - Test on day 5 if possible.
- If you develop symptoms get a test and stay home
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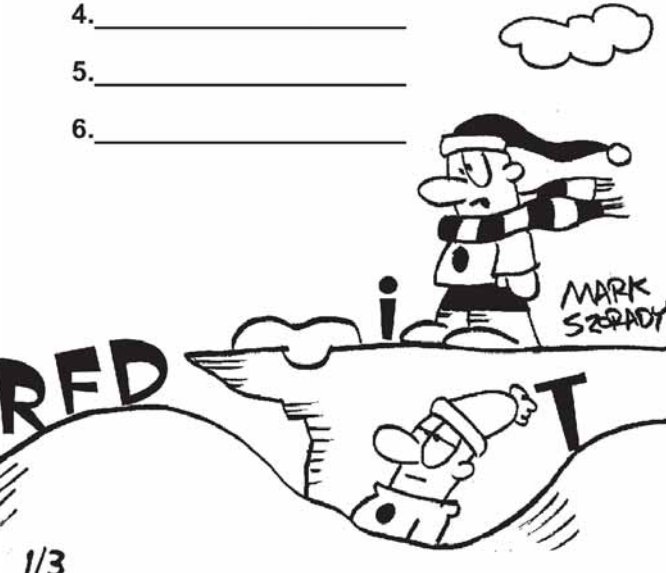


This is John Himley hard at work on Wabeno's early newspaper, the *Wabeno Advertiser*. Himley had brothers who came to Crandon, but he must have seen an opportunity in Wabeno. This picture was taken in the early 1900's. We wonder, did he like to fish Himley Lake?

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