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Nicolet/Wild Rivers Chapter Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet

The Nicolet/Wild Rivers Chapter 30th Annual Banquet will be held at the Crandon Community Center on Saturday, March 5th. The social hour begins at 5:15 p.m. with raffles. The dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m.

There are seats available as well as sponsorships. If you want to be a sponsor, contribute by March 1st and you will be listed in the program.

In you would like to buy a ticket online, just go to the website: ruffedgrousesociety.org/banquets-events/

An individual ticket is \$55 and a couple \$75. Junior tickets, age 17 and under, are \$25. This will include a membership in the Ruffed Grouse Society for one year.

If you would like more info, call Dave Ziolkowski at 715-336-2523.

The Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet provides some very good food, good raffles and plenty of socializing, and it helps provide habitat for everybody's favorite game bird, the ruffed grouse.

Getting children vaccinated

DHS and Wisconsin Pediatricians Say Now is the Time to Catch Kids Up on Vaccines and Well-Child Visits

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has joined the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (WIAAP) to urge families to make sure their children are up to date on well-child visits and vaccinations.

"In 2020, there was a significant drop in clinic visits. This resulted in delays in vaccinations, screenings, referrals, and general guidance to keep families healthy," said Dr. Sarah Campbell, WIAAP president.

While many doctors adapted through telehealth and took steps to make sure patients weren't exposed to COVID-19, the decline in the number of office visits and routine vaccinations is alarming and could have long-ranging impacts on a child's health and the health of the community.

Wellness visits for children should be scheduled with a child's doctor regularly from birth through age three, then yearly after that. Different vaccinations are given at different times as a child grows. Medical providers and local public health departments are encouraged to follow the CDC vaccine schedule (<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/index.html>) for optimal protection.

Falling behind on vaccinations leaves children vulnerable to preventable diseases like influenza, measles, and whooping cough.

Dr. Stephanie Schauer, DHS Immunization Program Director says, "As a parent, I know firsthand that families continue to face a lot of challenges during the pandemic. Because so many kids have missed their vaccinations, we need to do all we can to get our children up to date. Even if your child missed a vaccination, they can still catch up."

You can check your child's vaccination status on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry or by calling 608-266-9691 or the Forest County Health Department at 715-478-3371.

The Forest County Health Department provides free vaccines for eligible children under the state funded VFC program. To see if your child qualifies for important routine childhood vaccinations, please call the Forest County Health Department for more information.

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.

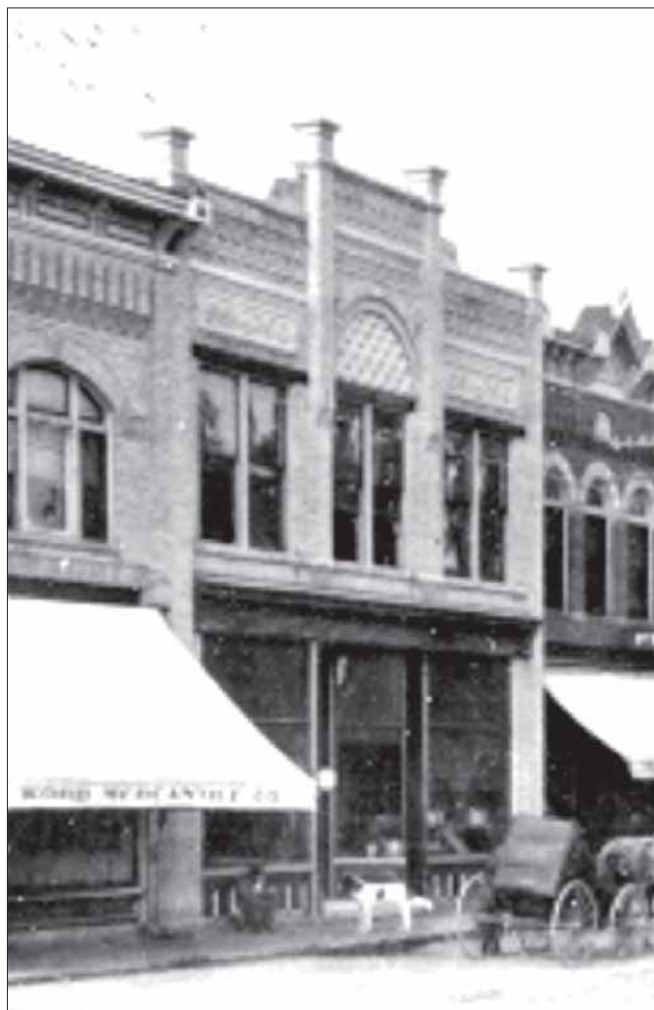
Disappearing Grosbeaks

The other morning, I was having my coffee and watching the birds on our feeders. I got to thinking that I hadn't seen evening grosbeaks on our feeders in like, forever! So, when I got to my office, I decided to do a little research and find out where they've gone.

I found that the evening grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*) has a seen well-documented decline during the past 50-plus years. This

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Back to original



Last week, the old sign that used to announce the presence of the Crandon Theater was taken down and put in the scrap wagon. That sign marked the social center for teenagers back in the good old days of the 50's and 60's and probably before that. The Crandon Theater was the place that teens gathered on a Friday evening to watch a movie and flirt and more!

The building was originally part of the Page & Landeck company store, the lumber company that had the sawmill on Clear Lake. While it isn't certain at this time when the building was constructed, the original structure, that now houses the Subway, was started sometime not too long after 1901, when the sawmill started making lumber. It was, we think, where the hardware was located.

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Public input sought on US 45 project in Elcho, Langlade County

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is seeking public input on proposed improvements to US 45 between Clinic Street and Otter Lake Lane in Elcho, Langlade County. Construction is currently scheduled for 2025.

Proposed improvements include:

- Removing and replacing asphalt and storm sewer
- New sidewalk on east side of US 45 from Clinic Street to Cole Street
- Extending curb and gutter along the east side of US 45 at the northern limits across from Bluebird Alley

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SchoolHouse Rock, Live!



In the Nancy Volk Auditorium at Wabeno High School on March 10-13, 2022

SchoolHouse Rock,Live! features several favorite SchoolHouse Rock songs that began airing on television in 1973 during Saturday morning cartoons. The musical version was created by TheatreBam and premiered in 1993 at Chicago's Cabaret Voltaire Theatre.

About the Show and the Rebel Cast:

The storyline in the musical is about Tom Morton (Matthew Majestic), a new teacher, who is stressed about starting his first day of school. He has awakened early to prepare for this special day and begins to doubt his abilities to be a successful teacher. He even tries out a few rehearsed greetings delivered to an imaginary class of students, but he gets frustrated and decides to take a break and turn on the television. To his surprise and delight, a SchoolHouse Rock video is showing. He soon finds himself completely engaged and participating in the songs with the help of six characters who represent the different sides of his personality: Al, his laid back and fun loving side (Alex Adamczyk), Dean, his mature side (Shane Mason), Dori, his goofy side (Nat Johnson), George, his romantic side (Hailey Krueger), Joe, his cool side (Ted Gust), and Schulie, his sweet side (Sunshine Nelson).

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37th Annual Sugar Bush Snow-Mo -Wheelers and Lumberjack Memorial Trails (LMT) Poker Run Saturday, February 19th

Come by car, truck or snowmobile this Saturday February 19th to Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort. Enjoy Games, Meat and booze Raffles, food and beverages and lots of fun! Festivities start at 11am and end at 6pm announcing the winner of the best hand. Collect tickets at area pit stops for your luck at a great poker hand. All proceeds to benefit trail grooming and maintenance. See you there!

Positive cases of covid-19 in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 91 individuals have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since February 1, 2022 with either a PCR, antigen, or home test. County health officials and local partners are contacting individuals who test positive as able. There have been 4 deaths this year related to COVID-19. This is a snapshot of the numbers as they are continuously changing throughout the day.

The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to get vaccinated, 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 positive, please isolate yourself away from others for 5 days since symptom onset and wear a mask for the 5 days following your release from isolation.

If you are interested in a COVID-19 vaccine, the Forest County Health Department is having a vaccine clinic on Friday, March 4th from 11am-2pm in the county board room located inside the Forest County courthouse. Moderna and Pfizer are being offered.

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 Friday with current COVID-19 case counts as capacity allows. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club looking for vendors

The Pelican Lake Women's Civic Club is seeking crafters/flea market/vendors for their Memorial Weekend Fundraiser, Sunday May 29, 2022 and their 4th of July fundraiser, Sunday July 3, 2022. From 10-3 p.m. at the Schoepke Town Hall on Highway 45 in the Village of Pelican Lake. Set up between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Lucy at 715-487-5173 and leave a message.

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Some things you should consider to help avoid the problem in the future, is maintaining your heat at a minimum of 60 degrees. There are some companies that can alert you if your heating system fails. If you leave on vacation, make sure you have someone checking on your home. Make sure your basement and home have adequate insulation.

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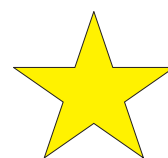


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Star of the Week in Physical Education at Wabeno Elementary



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 Taryn Peterson to be the Star of the week from February 1st- February 11th. Taryn is always prepared for class and has an enthusiastic attitude for physical education. She demonstrates being a great role model for her peers!! Way to go, Taryn!

Heart Rate Monitors

Wabeno Elementary In Physical Education classes are learning about their heart rate and finding their pulse. Grades in 2nd-5th are working on their target heart rate and different zones. They are working with high-tech heart rate monitors! Heart rate monitors motivate students to achieve higher intensity levels and assess students' progress in reaching their intensity goals! Students enjoy watching their target heart on the big screen. The picture down below shows Mrs. Nieft's 2nd grade class having fun with their heart rate watches!



Heart Month's Family Fun Night

On Friday, February 11, the Forest County Health Department hosted a luminary trail walk and ice-skating event at Crandon's Palmer park. The event was created to encourage families to get outside during the winter months and enjoy the trails the county offers. February is National Heart Month, and physical activity plays an important role in keeping your heart healthy! Crandon school's 3rd-5th graders were taught what heart health means, how to make heart healthy choices, and then were able to decorate luminary bags to help light up the trail!

It was a brisk 10 degrees plus windchill, yet approximately 40 individuals, families, and dogs came to walk the trail, sip on hot chocolate, and ice-skate! The event was successful, and the Health Department plans to do a similar event in the near future involving all three school districts in the county when the temperature begins to warm up.



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bird used to be a common winter visitor to feeders across America. Now, feeders that once hosted hundreds of these birds may see only a handful every decade or so. The bird's decline has been well documented in the National Audubon Society's, 121-year-old Christmas Bird Count tabulations.

The evening grosbeak nests in remote regions of central Canada and a handful of northern states, but irrupts from these regions in winter. Because much of the breeding range of the evening grosbeak is inaccessible, winter surveys such as the CBC provide the best indicator of the health of the species.

Evening grosbeak numbers were stable or increasing until 1970, when their numbers began to significantly decline. Their notable decline between 1970 and 2010 indicates that there is less than one chance in 1,000 that the decline in evening grosbeak numbers was due to random fluctuations in abundance. The species sadly has the distinction of showing the steepest population decline (over 90% since the 1970s) of all land birds in the U.S. and Canada.

The cause of the decline is unknown, but there are several possibilities. The most obvious is that evergreen forest habitat, which they require, is being logged. The decline might also be related to food availability. Hardwood tree seeds, a favorite natural source of food of evening grosbeaks, may be less common due to broad-scale changes in forestry practices in Canada. The widespread use of pesticides to kill insects also may be contributing to their decline, because evening grosbeaks feed their young a diet of insects. It's most likely a combination of factors that is leading to their remarkable decline and push toward extinction.

As one part of nature contracts or reduces, something else is expanding or increasing. Take this winter's increase in snowy owls in some of our northern states. In recent years, we have learned that when snowy owls irrupt, it's because of an abundance of food the previous winter and female snowy owls producing more owlets the following spring. Consequently, the next winter, many young snowy owls move out of their home range and into areas they are not normally found. We're seeing that this winter.

On the other hand, some species increase or decrease without a clear reason. The red-bellied woodpecker is a good example of a species that has expanded.

I had to get the bird book out this winter to identify these woodpeckers that I thought were yellow bellied sapsuckers. Thirty years ago, this bird was uncommon. Now, it inhabits most backyards, parks, and woodlands across the eastern United States. Why such a big increase in population? Hard to say.

On the other hand, the red-headed woodpecker (a species similar to the red-bellied) has declined dramatically in all regions. In fact, in many parts of the country, the redhead has disappeared. I happen to still see them at our suet feeders. One might suspect loss of habitat, but how does that explain ever-increasing numbers of red-bellied woodpecker? It's similar in size, shape, and requires similar habitat, and it's doing great.

I don't think there is one reason for the decline of a given species. Rarely in nature does anything happen due to just one reason. Usually, it's a combination of factors, and when an unseen threshold is reached, the trigger is tripped, and a population falls.


The Deadline for the Pioneer Express is Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

AREA EVENTS

AARP Tax-Aide at the Crandon Public Library

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for 2021 Taxes, Federal and State at the Crandon Public Library, Lower Level. Dates Available: March 1,8,15,22,29, 2022. 12:00-4:00 pm

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CORRECTION

There was an error in the Nicolet AARP article regarding the date of the February Social. The correct date is Sunday, February 20th at Mulligan's with cocktails at 4:30p.m. & meal at 5:30p.m. Call Carol at 715-276-3458 for reservations.

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Shopping is available between 11a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 26th at the School District of Crandon.

Crandon PTO is now accepting donations of clean and gently used dresses, dress shirts, ties, shoes, and accessories.

Donations can be dropped off at the Crandon High School cafeteria during the following times:
 Wednesday, February 23rd 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Thursday, February 24th 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Friday, February 25th 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

All donors will be entered into a prize drawing as well! Consignment available! Register to sell your gently used Prom Dress or Formal Wear. You set the price, Crandon PTO receives 20% of the sale price. Proceeds from this event will benefit Crandon Post Prom.

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Death Notices

David Bruce Chaney, age 67, passed away February 8, 2022, at Wausau Aspirus Pulmonary Care, with family by his side. David was born November 19, 1955, son of Donald and Lorna (Bater) Chaney. On June 10, 1993, he married Sherry Chaney.



David loved to fish, coyote hunt, looked forward to November (his time at deer camp with family, good times there) and one could always find him puttering around in his garage or doing repairs around the farm.

David worked at Twist Dill in Rhineland for many years. Then moved to Texas where he was employed at Randals. Moving to Colorado, he worked at the Molly Gibson Lodge in Aspen. Returning to where he always loved to be, the Chaney Farm, which was established by his grandfather George Chaney in 1918. Before retiring in June 2021, he worked at the Forest County Potawatomi Health & Wellness Center.

David is survived by his wife, Sherry; mother, Lorna Marland; sisters, Carolyn (Mike) Bailey and Rebecca (Dan) Palmer; daughter, Amber, step-son, Richard (Tina) Kulaf; and aunt, Cora (David) Campbell; brother-in-law, John (Linda); sisters-in-law, Jo (Glenn) and Terri (Paul); and many nieces and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his father, Donald; and step-father, Brent Beaton; and many aunts and uncles.

David requested to be cremated. There will be a celebration of his life later in the year. We will miss him and we think he will be remembered as "one of the good guys."

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SchoolHouse Rock Cont. from pg. 1

As the musical progresses, and with the help of his "personalities," Tom begins to realize that he actually learned a lot of valuable and educational lessons by watching the SchoolHouse Rock videos. By the end of the show, he has regained his confidence and looks forward to starting his new career as an elementary school teacher.

Over twenty SchoolHouse Rock songs appear in the show, including several favorites: "Just a Bill," "Conjunction Junction," and "Interjection." Audience members of all ages are welcome to attend and are even encouraged to sing along with the cast, should they desire to do so. **The Rebel Musical Chorus and Crew:**

Other students involved in the show are the chorus: Skyray Denny-Wilson, Kayona Hawkins, David Nelson, and Sky Retzlaff. The student Scenic Designer and painter is Kierra O'Keefe. Assisting with the scenery and props construction are Sarah Gouge, Lauren Harris, Symone Pemma, Araena Soman, and Aurora Thundercloud. Sunshine Nelson is managing and also creating many of the slide projections used throughout the production.

Also assisting with the design for some of the props are the WHS eighth grade art students under the direction of WHS art teacher, Breanna Kanak. The following group of students painted the denominations of three used in "Three is a Magic Number": Westin Bohl, Sierra Carpenter, Sidney Daniels, Abigail Enchautegui, Brady Ferrington, Alivia Harris, Niya Frank, Sawyer Jameson, Summer Moravec, Mitsuki Nelson, Hailey Planasch, Shaina Shepard, Bailey VanEperen, and Autumn Warden. This group of students created the "planets" used in "Interplanet Janet": Destiny Dudek, Miley Godin, Breanna Harris, Maximus Clark, Nolan Milham, Levi Newman, Zyon Pemma, Jedidiah Sarratt, Makenzie Tucker, Yukon Volk, and Mазzie Williams.

The lighting is being managed by the Beaver siblings: Kelsey Beaver is the principal lighting technician, with Kiana and Kyra Beaver assisting on spotlight.

The Rebel Musical Musicians and Directors:

Members of the WHS band, under the direction of WHS Band Director, Michelle Boor, will be accompanying some of the numbers: Braden Brauer, Nathan Deer, Ozari Ventura Bishop, Danny Harris, and Jaclyn St. Peter. Both Michelle Boor and her husband, Jason Boor, will also be assisting with the accompaniment.

WHS music teacher, Charisa Statezny, has been teaching the cast the music, and the cast is incredibly fortunate to be working with professional dancer and choreographer, Rian Schaible, assisted by WHS Social Studies teacher, Stephanie Schmidt. Costumer, Raletta Ashbeck, is putting together and creating the perfect costume items for each character.

The Rebel Musical Dinner Theatre Package:

Last fall's Dinner Theatre Package was such a hit that we are offering another one before Saturday and Sunday's performances of the musical. The WHS Foods Department and FCCLA students (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America), under the direction of Family and Consumer Education teacher, Kathy DeBoth, are creating a Dinner Theatre Package featuring a menu of American cuisine that has been inspired by the multiculturalures referenced in the SchoolHouse Rock songs.

The Foods 2 students are doing all the cooking. Bailey Blasing, Gabby Brehmer, Destiny Gilligan, Sylis Louis, and Kierra O'Keefeand the FCCLA students are serving the dinner and also assisting in the preparation. Cheyenne Blasing, Cherish Erickson, Lauren Harris, Jenna Monnot, Kierra O'Keefe, Jade Sommer, and Aurora Thundercloud.

Performance and Ticket Information:

Performances will be held at the Nancy Volk Auditorium located in Wabeno High School, 4325 Branch Street, Wabeno, WI 54566 on Thursday-Saturday, March 10-12, 2022 at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2:00PM.

The Dinner Theatre Package, which includes a dinner and admission to the show, is being offered at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 and at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 13 (one hour before the performance).

General Admission tickets to the show are \$10.00, and the Dinner Theatre Package (which includes one dinner and general admission ticket to the show) is \$15.00. General Admission tickets may be purchased at the door, but reservations for the Dinner Theatre tickets are encouraged by March 8.

To reserve Dinner Theatre tickets, please contact the school at (715) 473-5122, extension 5106, or send an email to the show director, Janet DeJean Newton at jnewton@wabeno.k12.wi.us. Any other questions may also be directed to these contact options.

PLEASE become a "Friend" of the Laona and Wabeno Rebel Drama and Music Departments:

Fortunately, all revenue from ticket sales helps to fund future Rebel Drama stage productions, but having a little more of a cushion would really help to improve future productions.

We hope you will consider becoming a "Rebel Drama Department Friend" and/or purchasing advertising in the play programs. Please contact Rebel Drama Director, Janet DeJean Newton, for more information (jnewton@wabeno.k12.wi.us).

Letters to the Editor

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

Does Northern California Know What's Best for Wisconsin's Wolf Population

Madison, WI – Yesterday, U.S. District Court Judge Jeffrey White from the Northern District of California ordered federal protections for gray wolves to be restored in the Midwest. Senator Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk), Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland), and Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) released the following joint statement:

"Once again, an out-of-state federal judge more than a thousand miles away from Northern Wisconsin, who does not have to deal with an out-of-control wolf population and the negative impacts this will continue to have on our communities, has kowtowed to liberal special interest groups and rescinded our state's right to manage the wolf population based on Wisconsin science.

"We've recently received resolutions from the Langlade and Forest County Boards requesting that the Department of Natural Resources implement meaningful population control in the Wolf Management Plan and bring the wolf population down to a reasonable level.

"If out-of-state judges are going to continue to make decisions for Wisconsin residents, Wisconsin residents should have the ability to hold them accountable – that is not the case here. This order will have negative consequences on the safety of our communities, tourism, farming, and property values of the Northwoods. Hopefully Attorney General Kaul will do everything in his power to right this wrong."

Baldwin Supports Legislation Banning Stock Trading by Members of Congress

Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act requires members of Congress and their families to place stock portfolios into blind trusts while in office

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin has cosponsored legislation to ban members of Congress from buying and selling stocks while in office.

Senator Baldwin has had the management of her financial assets in a blind trust while serving in the U.S. Senate since 2013, and the Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act, introduced by Senators Jon Ossoff (D-GA) and Mark Kelly (D-AZ,) will require all members of Congress, their spouses, and dependent children to place their stock portfolios into a blind trust — ensuring they cannot use inside information to influence their personal stock trades and make a profit.

"I don't believe members of Congress should be taking the information they have and trading stocks to enrich themselves while making public policy. It's our job to serve the people, not ourselves, and I support the Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act because it will help prevent corruption in Washington," said Senator Baldwin, "This legislation will help ensure that members of Congress are focused on delivering results for the people we work for, and not making decisions that deliver profits to their own bank accounts."

Members of Congress who violate the Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act will be fined in the amount of their entire Congressional salary.

Public opinion polling has shown that an overwhelming majority of Americans believe members of Congress should not be able to trade stocks while serving in office— including nearly 80 percent of Independents and Republicans.

Recently, 14 major government reform organizations — from across the political spectrum — united to call on Congress to swiftly pass the Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act, including the Campaign Legal Center, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), Fix the Court, FreedomWorks, Government Accountability Project, Issue One, National Center for Health Research, National Taxpayers Union, Progressive Change Campaign Committee, Project On Government Oversight, Public Citizen, Taxpayers for Common Sense, The Digital Democracy Project, and Transparency International — U.S. Office.

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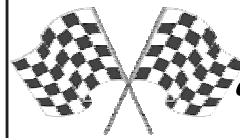
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- Upgrading curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards
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How to provide input:

The public is invited to review the project website and provide input through Thursday, March 10, 2022.

Residents, property owners, and businesses in the area have been mailed a handout with a comment form that can be sent back to WisDOT. Submit comments using the online comment form on the project website. Questions and comments can be directed to WisDOT Project Manager Zach Gruling at (715) 365-5764 or by email at Zachary.Gruling@dot.wi.gov, or in writing to WisDOT North Central Region, 1681 Second Avenue South, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54495.

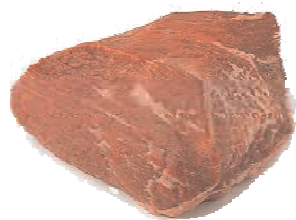
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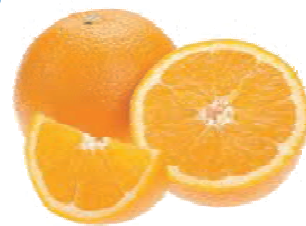
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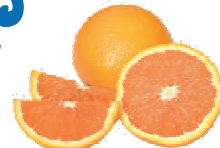
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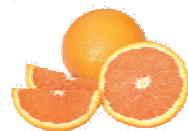
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Tuesday - Pancake bites, bacon, yogurt, grapes, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Cereal bar, muffins, yogurt, peaches fruit juice, milk
Thursday -Breakfast pizza, yogurt, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk
Friday - W.G. cinnamon roll, yogurt, cantaloupe/honeydew, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Feb. 21 - 25

Monday -Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, cheesy broccoli, pears, garden bar, milk
Tuesday - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, green beans, pineapple tidbits, garden bar, milk
Wednesday -Cheese burger, chips, potato salad, baked beans, carrots, apple slices, garden bar, milk
Thursday - Pizza rolls, bread stick, corn, Mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk
Friday - Crispito, Spanish rice, mixed vegetable, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk



Back to Original Cont. from pg. 1

Today, the building looks much like it did when constructed, without the big windows and the decorative pillars on top of the store front.

Ralph Neider, from Wabeno, owned the theater back in 1955. In talking to Scott Conway, who now lives in Louisiana, he thinks Neider turned the once hardware store into a theater back in the late 1930's. A fellow named Rives ran the theater for Neider, but he decided to quit in 1955. The American Legion approached Dick Conway to open the theater for the kids Christmas movie, with Art Freimuth running the projector. High school kid Scott Conway sold the popcorn and made a whopping \$25.

Dick Conway then bought the theater and ran it with the help of his wife Lois. The first movie they ran was Yellowstone Kelly, starring Clint Walker. With the passing of Dick Conway, his son Scott Conway ran the theater from 1975 until 1980, when Jim Sparks bought the business. Jim eventually turned the theater into a bar called Sparky's, and his daughter Sherry took over the business, changing the name to Group Therapy.

A new owner is taking over. Jim Elam and Dawn Volz are now the new owners.

For Old Time's Sake

This is one of thousands of old logging photos that exist today. The old logging companies were good at leaving us photos so we could see what a good job they were doing.

This photo is labeled "Jake Hoffberger's Landing Near Crandon, Wis." Hoffberger was likely one of those logging companies that followed the timber and didn't put down roots. The name is not a common one in these parts and I don't remember anybody ever talking about working for this company or talking about a patch of timber that was originally cut by Hoffberger.

That being said, it is possible that if you are from a family that has been in the area for several generations, you could have an ancestor in the photo.

Another observation is that the old loggers always talked about the big timber they cut. Check out the log pile. See any big logs? It is obvious that an up and coming stand of hardwood was nearly clearcut, with some of the logs in the pile only possible to produce a four inch board. That's where the term "Cut and Run" came in.

Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education

Monday, January 10, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24

President Scott Reeves **Called the Regular Meeting to Order** at 5:30 p.m. Present: Scott Reeves, Frank Shepard Jr., Melissa McLaughlin, Samantha Hoffman (virtual), Chad Albrecht, Melissa Chrisman, Jason Bertrand, Tiffany Pakulski, and Katie Shepard to take notes. There were (0) no guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Frank Shepard Jr. led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to approve the **Agenda** as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Melissa Chrisman stated that the January 3rd Inservice day was a hit and there were many positive remarks from staff.

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, December 13, 2021, Open and Closed Special Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2021, Open and Closed Co-op Meeting minutes dated December 8, 2021, and Closed meeting minutes for December 20, 2021.

Purchase Orders from 12/10/21 – 1/7/22 - \$ 2,964.43

Disbursements & Wires from 12/1/21 – 12/31/21 - \$364,034.26

Cash Receipts from 12/1/21 – 12/31/21 - \$18,713.29

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Shepard to approve the **Consent Agenda**. All in favor, motion carried.

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Katie Shepard presented the final itinerary for the **Senior Class Trip** to Louisville, Nashville, and Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge. The seniors narrowed down their choices and are making reservations for all events. Motion by Shepard, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the Senior Class Trip, March 8, 2022- March 12, 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hoffman to approve the **Open Enrollment Recommendations** for the 2022-2023 school year. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the **Hiring** of Emma Harris as the 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Hoffman to approve Chad Albrecht as the 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried with Reeves, Shepard, McLaughlin, and Hoffman voting yes. Albrecht abstained.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Albrecht to approve William Rabe as the Track Jumping Coach. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to approve Renee Hobbs as a Full-time Laona Learning Center employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Shepard to approve Jordan Brooks as a Part-time Laona Learning Center employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Reeves to approve the **Resignation** of Kelly Spaude, Laona Learning Center employee. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Shepard to approve **Neola Policy #1460**. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hoffman to approve the use of the ESSR III Funds as presented by Mrs. Pakulski. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Pakulski presented the **Boiler Project Proposal**. Discussion held on the project.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Albrecht to approve the **Flooring Project Proposal** as presented by Mrs. Pakulski. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to approve Marco as the **Copier/Printer Contract** for Spring 2022-2027. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held on the **COVID-19** protocols at school. The Laona School District will be adopting the guidelines set in place by the CDC and the Forest County Health Department.

Personnel was taken into Closed Session.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Tiffany Pakulski submitted a written **Business Manager's Report** that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, BoardDocs link.

Jason Bertrand submitted a written **Middle School/High School Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under the District School Board Agenda BoardDocs link.

Melissa Chrisman submitted a written **Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under the District School Board Agenda BoardDocs link.

Board Member Reports

- Samantha Hoffman thanked Mrs. Chrisman and staff for the work put in due to COVID-19.
- Chad Albrecht stated how nice the Christmas Concert was. Mr. Albrecht gave kudos to Mr. Dewey and all that were involved in putting on a great show and he stated how nice it was to see everyone in person.
- Frank Shepard thanked all staff for their efforts each and every day. Mr. Shepard thanked the Food Service department for the hard work and great meals.
- Scott Reeves thanked all staff for the work that is done each day.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Albrecht to **Enter into Closed Session** pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdictional or exercises responsibility. Motion carried with Reeves, Shepard, McLaughlin, Hoffman, and Albrecht voting yes.

After **Returning from Open Session**, the following action was taken:

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to approve the termination of Tammie Luzinski as a paraprofessional. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to accept the Resignation of Marissa Powell as the High School Science Teacher. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Shepard to approve Francesca Pakulski as the Elementary Guidance Counselor, pending terms of contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (8:44 p.m.)



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DNR Seeks nominations for 2021 Ethical Hunter Award

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is accepting applications for its annual Wisconsin Ethical Hunter Award, which honors hunter's actions of exceptional moral actions and character while in the field.

The Wisconsin Ethical Hunter Award was established in 1997 to recognize a person whose action represents Wisconsin's heritage of responsible, respectful and safe hunting.

"Ethical behavior demonstrates the moral character of the hunting public and illustrates how people can assist one another while recreating together in the outdoors," said DNR Chief Conservation Warden Casey Krueger.

Any hunter or non-hunter can nominate a licensed Wisconsin hunter for the Wisconsin Ethical Hunter Award for their actions during the 2021 calendar year. Although many nominations come from the gun-deer season, ethical actions can occur during a squirrel hunt, turkey hunt, waterfowl hunt or other Wisconsin hunting seasons.

"Ethical actions come in many forms; examples could include helping another person during a hunt or taking steps to protect our natural resources," Krueger said. "Over the years, award recipients have returned lost gear, helped others find lost game or assisted another hunter facing a challenge of some kind."

A four-person committee reviews the nominations and selects the recipient. The creators of this award are Bob Lamb, retired editor of the La Crosse Tribune; Steve Dewald, retired DNR Conservation Warden Supervisor and Jerry Davis, a retired University of Wisconsin-La Crosse biology professor and outdoors writer.

The nomination committee focuses on a singular action or event rather than individuals with long-term conservation-related programs.

Submit nominations by email or letter explaining the ethical act and send to April Dombrowski, DNR Recreational Safety Outdoor Skills Section Chief, at April.Dombrowski@wisconsin.gov or by standard U.S. mail to:

Department of Natural Resources
 Attn: April Dombrowski
 101 S. Webster St.
 P.O. Box 7921,
 Madison, WI 53707-7921

The deadline to submit a nomination is Feb. 26, 2022.

- To become eligible for the 2021 award:
- The nominee must be a licensed (resident or nonresident) Wisconsin hunter.
 - The ethical hunting act must have occurred in Wisconsin during the 2021 calendar year.
 - Nominations are considered for any DNR-regulated hunting activity in Wisconsin.
 - Written nominations must contain the name, address and telephone number of the witness or witnesses, or be aware of the behavior which led to the nomination.

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 The C&NW depot stood until the early 1950's. The Soo Line on the other side of town out-competed them. Now, there is no rail service to the community. If we were to get another big sawmill in town, trucks would haul in the logs and the finished lumber to market.
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- Plan for, apply for, receive and administer government funding.
- Provide a visible and accessible point of contact for individuals to obtain information about public/private resources for Elders.
- Direct, manage, and monitor the Elderly Nutrition Program.
- Work to meet the transportation needs of the Elders.
- Assist in representing needs, views and concerns of Elders in local decision making and assist them in expressing their views to elected officials and providers of services.
- Serve as point of contact at Elder Apartments and assist with coordination of maintenance and services as needed.
- Prepare and submit reports to requiring agencies.
- Complete other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma, HSED Diploma or GED certification - Required.
- Demonstrate knowledge of tribal culture, problems and needs of Elders, and the ability to work with individuals in group settings.
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Applications are available from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/EmploymentOpportunities/EmploymentApplications. Send the application along with 3 current letters of reference to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until the position is filled.



Aging & Disability Resource Center of the Northwoods is seeking a full-time ADRC Specialist to provide the general public, but particularly adults who are older or have a disability, with information & assistance on a wide range of community services, options and assisting in connecting them to programs and services. This position will cover Forest County. For a position description, contact John Brensinger, Interim Regional Manager, at jbrensinger@adrcofthenorthwoods.org or 1-800-699-6704.

A resume, letter of interest and references must be received by 4:30 p.m. on February 28, 2022 by email listed above or sent to:

John Brensinger
300A S. Lake Avenue
Crandon, WI 54520

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DEMENTIA CARE SPECIALIST

Dementia Care Specialist: The Aging and Disability Resource Center of the Northwoods is seeking a part-time Dementia Specialist to support people with dementia and their caregivers, in order to ensure the highest quality of life possible while living at home. This position will cover Forest County. For a position description, please contact John Brensinger, Interim Regional Manager, at jbrensinger@adrcofthenorthwoods.org or 1-800-699-6704.

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Monday - February 28 - Vegetable barley soup, chef salad with turkey egg, tomato, cucumber, apple cake

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - February 22 - Beef pot roast, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, dinner roll, apple pie square

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Wednesday - February 16 - White bean chili, turkey sandwich on whole wheat, fruit, Oh Henry bar

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Laona site manager Peggy Alderton at 715-889-3116 (cell). Meal served at 12:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Happy Guidance Counselor's Appreciation Week



The staff and students at Wabeno Elementary showed their appreciation to Ms. Stefanski for all the hard work she does to support us all. Chelsie fills many roles throughout the building, including supporting the students' social and emotional needs as well as classroom lessons. She is involved in and/or leads our PBIS programming, student leadership, and the Student Assistance Program. She is also a substitute classroom teacher whenever called upon. WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO, MS. STEFANSKI!!

Programs to help adults reduce stress and improve health

WeCOPE: A free program starting Feb. 24 for adults to learn how to reduce life stress

WeCOPE, a free, interactive program designed to help adults cope with life stress, is available to the public via Zoom from 12:15-1:15 p.m. every other Thursday beginning Feb. 24. WeCOPE has been shown to reduce stress and depression, increase positive emotions, and improve health.

Those interested should register at <https://oneida.extension.wisc.edu> or by calling 715-365-2756. It is recommended to register early so program materials can be sent to participants. The program will be taught by Terri Kolb, Extension Educator in Forest and Oneida counties, and Debbie Moellendorf, Extension Educator in Lincoln County.

"WeCOPE sessions are not therapy or counseling sessions, but rather skill-building sessions where we'll share 11 skills that may help you reduce stress and increase positive emotions," Kolb said. "You'll probably find that some of the skills are familiar, some come more naturally than others, and that you like some more than others. That's OK. The idea is to give you a full toolbox of skills."

WeCOPE is sponsored by Wisconsin Rural Opioid and Stimulant Engagement, SAMHSA, and is a project of Extension Health and Well-Being Institute.

--StrongBodies: A community wellness program offered through March for adults

--StrongBodies exercise classes are available to the public and offered in two locations:

- 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 11-March 31, at the Armstrong Creek Community Center.
- 9-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 11-March 31, at the Crandon Public Library.
- 1-2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 10-March 30, at Crandon Public Library.

All abilities are welcome, and weights are provided. First-time participants can register at the sites or by calling Terri at 715-365-2756.

StrongBodies offers low impact exercises for adults to help increase muscle mass and strength, improve balance, reduce the risk for osteoporosis and related fractures, diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, depression, and obesity, and improve one's self confidence, sleep, and vitality.

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Winter Olympics Elementary Phy Ed at Wabeno



As the Winter Olympics kicked off last week Friday here is our 1st annual Winter Olympics relay games in Physical Education. Elementary students in 4th and 5th grades did a great job using good sportsmanship!



For Old Time's Sake



We don't know who the two ladies are, but the fellow in the middle is John Shopodock. John lived on a forty back in the woods up by the Pine River off of Hwy 55. He was a regular visitor to Argonne, and well liked by those who remembered him.

Mrs. Jess "Grandma" Houle said he would visit them when in town, but wouldn't never take a piece of cake or any other sweets. He said that he didn't have that kind of food up by the Pine, and if he didn't know what it tasted like, he wouldn't miss it.

John lived in a cabin that he built in the woods. Later, the federal government insisted on building him a new cabin. From the old stories it is known that he never used the cabin. He liked to sit on the front steps and whittle or enjoy the sights and sounds of the woods.

John started walking back to his cabin from Argonne in a snow storm, in spite of offers of a bed in town. He was found dead in the snow on the trail into his cabin. It was in the late 1940's.

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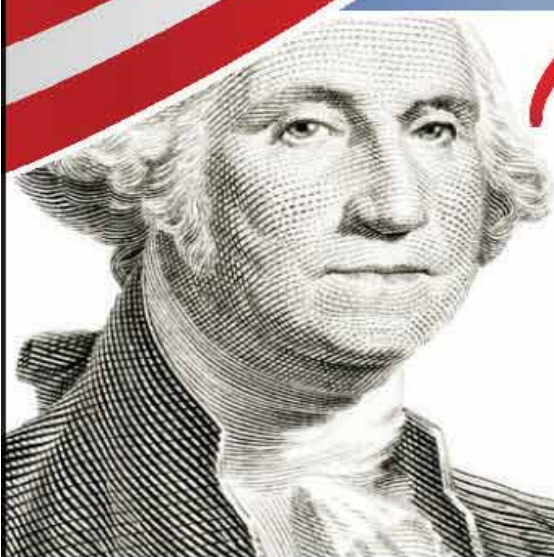


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