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## St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel-noon Saturday



From the 2015 Parade

Everyone will be an Irishman this Saturday in Pickerel, when they have their always great St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will start at noon on DD, spilling out on Hwy 55, turning around at St. Mary's and giving everybody another look when they head back to DD.

This is a fun day for all, with good food available at local establishments as well as plenty of liquid refreshment. All are invited to spend the day in Pickerel.

## Positive cases of covid-19 in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 0 individuals have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since March 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 6 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.

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.

## 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](mailto:lcc@co.forest.wi.us).

Last week I summarized how Climate Change is affecting us in Northern Wisconsin. This week, I will try to summarize the impact on Water and People.

Climate change is bringing warming temperatures and changing precipitation patterns in Northern Wisconsin and these changes are decreasing water quality and changing aquatic ecosystems.

- Warmer water temperatures and changes in ice on and off dates, duration and thickness of ice are changing the fish species that can live in Wisconsin's waters. Cool- and cold-water fish are particularly at risk.

- Warming waters in the Great Lakes are impacting lake ecology, fisheries, and water-quality based recreation. Both increasing precipitation and drought are leading to extreme lake level fluctuations in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan that impact both habitats and structures built along the lakeshore.

- On the other side of the state, a wetter climate is increasing the volume of water flowing in the Mississippi River and impacting critical backwater habitat and recreational fishing opportunities.

### Solutions

- Manage watersheds to reduce flood hazards and slow sediment and water movement in tributaries
- Invest in flood risk reduction practices and pre-disaster mitigation programs that help communities address local flood risks and avoid catastrophic losses
- Manage fisheries and make them more resilient to climate impacts by preventing overharvest, protecting

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## Crandon International Raceway 2022 Event Pricing and New Reservation Date



-- Camp Crandon/Grandstand Reservations To Open April 4th--

CRANDON, Wisconsin (March 3, 2022) -- Despite the ongoing cold of a Wisconsin Northwoods winter still in the air, Crandon International Raceway today took another step in preparation for what is expected to be another wildly popular 2022 race season.

Coming on the heels of a record-setting year in terms of fan attendance, racer participation and on-track competition, Crandon International Raceway today released its 2022 pricing for both June's Forest County Potawatomi Brush Run and September's Polaris Crandon World Championship Off-Road Races®/Red Bull Crandon World Cup. Despite the challenges of today's inflationary economic environment, Crandon pricing for Camp Crandon, weekend and daily passes and discounts for military members and seniors remain the same as last

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## Hope for Ukraine



The School District of Wabeno Area will be sponsoring a drive to support a WES family with loved ones who are currently in Ukraine! To show our support to these students & their family, along with people of Ukraine, there will be several events taking place in the next two weeks at school.

- Wear the colors of Ukraine Hope bracelet or sport a ribbon for Ukraine or both!
- Friday Dress Up Days in blue & gold colors of the Ukrainian flag

**Donations will be taking place through Friday, March 18 to be sent to the Ukraine. Items of critical need include:**

**Non-Perishable Foods:** Canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned or dried beans, canned soup or chili, juice boxes, peanut butter, cereal bars, granola bars, ground coffee, dried milk or shelf-stable milk, dried fruit, jerky, nuts of any kind, rice, oats barley, baby food (no glass), and baby formula.

**Medical Needs:** Aleve, Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Aspirin, band-aids, bandages, gauze, medical tape, children's Tylenol or Ibuprofen, antibiotic ointment, and blankets. All donated medical items must be NEW and dropped off at school by an adult.

**New or Gently Used Clothing:** All sizes of children's socks, underwear, sweatshirts, long & short sleeve shirts, sweat pants, jeans, pajamas, jackets, and baby clothes (all sizes). All adult sizes of socks, shirts, pants, undergarments, sweat pants & shirts, and jackets.

**Personal Hygiene Items:** Bars of soap, baby wipes, tooth brushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, menstrual cups, lip balm, hairbrushes, hand cream, and travel-size Kleenex.

**Monetary Donations:** Will also be accepted at school and sent to The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC.org) for the Ukraine Crisis.

**Members of the community as well as community organizations are welcome to join in this effort. For more information, call the elementary office at 715-473-3363 ext. 4504.**

## Laona Town Wide Rummage Sale

The Laona Beautifying Committee is planning a town wide rummage sale on May 21 and 22. They are looking for participants who will join up with a \$10 donation to help with the advertising and the map of those holding a sale.

There is an ad for this event with a form to fill out on page 3 of this issue.

## Opening night for Wabeno Area Players



March 24, 2022 is the opening night of a two-weekend run of the hilarious comedy, "The Outrageous Adventures of Sheldon and Mrs. Levine." Once again, the Wabeno Area Players are working their magic to produce an uproarious play for audiences who are ready for a good time full of laughter. The fun-loving comedy will be presented eight times at the Nancy Volk Auditorium in Wabeno. Performances are set for March 24, 25, 26, 31, and April 1 and 2 at 7:00PM. Also, there will be two Sunday matinees on March 27 and April 3 at 2:00PM.

Sheldon is the 31-year-old adult son who has run away from his overbearing mother, Doris. RJ Chickey, who is making his acting debut on the Volk Auditorium stage, plays Sheldon. RJ will be a delight to watch as he builds Sheldon from a browbeaten son, filled with angst, to a crazed Elvis impersonator, to an independent professional. The unforgettable Doris is played by stage veteran Carol Bartlein, who brings comedy with well-timed barbs and hilarious facial expressions.

The story of the Levines' strained mother/son relationship is told through the exchange of zany and somewhat warped letters between them. Sheldon blames his mother for breaking up his marriage and ruining his life, but Doris can't understand why it bothers him and wants him to return home to pursue a career in accounting. Their desperate search to find meaning in their lives and relationships is overflowing with laughs, and it takes them to places like Tibet, Bismarck, ND, Graceland, and Yuma, Arizona.

The play is under the co-direction of Mary Ellen Keller and Maline Enders. The set design and construction is by Dave Zulegar. The sound technicians are Jolene Deraus, Tim Deraus, and Vicki Delasky. The lighting technician is Jan Volk. The stage managers are Margi Diny and Vicki Delasky.

Tickets are on sale now, online, at [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com). Go to the site and then enter Wabeno Area Players and follow the prompts. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. Tickets will also be sold at the door, starting one hour before each show. The show is rated PG-13.

Come share in the uncontrollable laughter caused by the madness of the love/hate relationship of Sheldon and his mother, Mrs. Levine. They are two extraordinary characters who, although thousands of miles apart, are still too close to each other!

## Upcoming programs at the Crandon Public Library

Adult Program-Thursdays March 24th from 2-7:00 pm. Seed starting with Jill Krueger Master Gardener. Drop in and learn how to understand your seed packet instructions, plant starter seeds, and care for your container garden.

All Ages/Spring Break Program-Tuesday March 29th from 10-12:00 pm. Folk music, poetry, and writing workshop with Troy Graham, poet and wordsmith from Marquette, MI. His creative writing poetry workshops are interactive and energizing to the new or seasoned writer. Workshop from 11-12:00. Join us for one or both.

Children's Program-Thursdays March 31st at 11:30 with Miss Jill and Miss Laurie. Plant a sunflower and/or make a plant marker. Spring Break fun for kids!

You can enjoy this paper online at:  
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**Jump rope for heart**



Wabeno Elementary students became Heart Heroes this past month and took part in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge (Jump rope for Heart Fundraiser) for the 2nd year in a row. Another great year of successfully beating our school goal of \$10,000!! We've reached **\$11,786.78** and **120** students registered for Jump Rope for Heart! **Congratulations and hats off to Wabeno Elementary!!!** You are ALL Heart Heroes for the American Heart Association. The work you did to raise donations to help others AND the work you are doing to keep your heart healthy is truly amazing. Your \$11,786.78 donation is truly inspiring. The challenge ran through the whole month of February and allowed students to learn about how the heart works, participate in physical activities, and raise funds to help kids with heart problems.

Top Students Fundraise the most in the whole school:

1. Frankie Daniels \$1,805.55
2. Collin Wheaton \$1,189.56
3. Jordan Phalen \$1,152.16

Frankie will spend the whole day with Ms. Ganser  
 Jordan and Collin will spend the half of the day with Ms. Ganser

Top 2 Classes Fundraise the most:

1. Mrs. Romprey Class \$3,039.63- Earned Popcorn Tasting/Movie Party
2. Ms. Spatz Class \$1,635.47
3. Ms. Ury Class \$1,434.37
4. Ms. Keeble Class \$1,251.73
5. Mrs. Andrews Class \$1,210.53

The Top 2 Classes that registered the most students:

1. Mrs. Romprey (All Students are registered)- Earned a brand new playground equipment
2. Ms. Keeble

The Top Student in each grade will be invited to throw water balloons at staff members in the late April or early May.

PreK-Mazianna Doud  
 Kindergarten-James Labarge  
 1st Grade-Marianna Doud  
 2nd Grade-Bailey Bruce  
 3rd Grade-Vincent Rentria  
 4th Grade-Calvin Kitchell  
 5th Grade-Caden Champine

Wabeno Elementary will have a water balloon event in the spring. Please stay tuned....

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# AREA EVENTS

## Wabeno Women's Bowling League

(March 2, 3, 2022)  
 TEAM STANDINGS WEEK 23  
 Bruce's Misteaks, 43  
 Whitetail Logging, 42  
 Rusty's, 37  
 Splits N Giggles, 37  
 Cassidy's Cafe, 32  
 Prospect Lodge, 30  
 Sassy Kwe's, 29  
 IND HIGH GAME  
 Kellee Gallion, 225  
 Kathy Hilbert, 181  
 Jody Jensen, 173  
 IND HANDICAP GAME  
 Kellee Gallion, 251  
 Kathy Hilbert, 219  
 Dana Pichotta, 212  
 IND HIGH SERIES  
 Kellee Gallion, 555  
 Kris Anderson, 476  
 Christy Doane, 458  
 IND HANDICAP SERIES  
 Kellee Gallion, 633  
 Shelby Thelen, 594  
 Guada Cisneros, 586  
 TEAM HIGH GAME  
 Whitetail Logging, 819  
 Prospect Lodge, 760  
 Cassidy's Cafe, 757  
 TEAM HIGH SERIES  
 Whitetail Logging, 1855  
 Bruce's Misteaks, 1641  
 Cassidy's Cafe, 1628  
 TEAM HANDICAP SERIES  
 Whitetail Logging, 2227  
 Prospect Lodge, 2198  
 Cassidy's Cafe, 2156  
 6Pack: Kellee Gallion, 251  
 6Pack: Kellee Gallion, 633  
 Pizza: Whitetail Logging, 2227  
 HIGH AVERAGES  
 Frankie Marrese, 159  
 Chris Geske, 155  
 Kellee Gallion, 153

## Crandon PTO is hosting a Prom Dress Sale

Teens are welcome to shop dresses and accessories, such as a matching tie, shoes, and jewelry. Prices starting at \$5.00

Everyone who makes a purchase will be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a gift certificate to one of the local beauty shops.

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.

Please contact Erin Mayer at 715-902-0168 or mayereri@sdoofcrandon.com with any questions.

This event wouldn't be possible without generous donations from the public!

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Town Wide Rummage Sale

Hosted by the Laona Beautifying Committee

When: May 21 and 22, 2022

If you wish to participate with increased advertising, complete the below registration form, send the form and \$10.00 registration fee to the Laona Town Hall by April 8, 2022.

The \$10.00 fee secures a place for your Rummage Sale address on the event map and Town Wide Advertising (Newspaper and the Laona Beautifying Committee Facebook Page).

Maps will be available to Thrifters, leading them to your treasures.

Thank you for supporting the Laona Beautifying Committee.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Laona Beautifying Committee via Facebook or email at laonabeautifyingcommittee@gmail.com.

Complete this registration form, send the form and the \$10.00 registration fee to the Laona Town Hall at 5146 Linden Street, Laona WI, 54541 by April 8, 2022. Checks can be made payable to: Laona Beautifying Committee.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Sale (to be placed on event map): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

Please call the library for more information at 715-478-3784

## THANK YOU

The Laona Fire Department would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations: Hoop N Holler LGM, Bergland Bay Bar LGM, A.J. Walleye Lodge, Gus's Bar, Nicolet Country Club, Whiskey Nick's, Andy Lukas (in memory of Larry and Linda Rich), Laona Pharmacy, Laona State Bank, Ryan Enders, Potawatomi Carter Casino & Hotel, Weber Hill Funeral Home, Main St. Ed's, Carter Custom Woodworking, Campbell Auto Supply, Kevilus Trucking, Car's, Parson's Auto, Flowers from the Heart, Tricia's Treasures, Tamarack Outfitters, Nicolet Hardwood, Shell Laona, Jeff Walsh, Susie Thorton, Collins Auto, Clubhouse, Argonne Lumber, Bill and Kathy's Whitehouse, Blue Roof Saloon, Trails End, Elite Auto, Conway True Value, Forest TV Appliance, Final Lap, Laona Bar & Grill, Richard Supper Club, Sportsmen's Lodge, Walleye Lodge, Burgt's Bar & Grill, Tic's Harbor Lights, Skinny Daves, Roadhouse 139, Saches, McCoy Popple River Pub, Crazy Craigs Fireworks, Northeast Publishing, Hometown Manufacturing, Gary and Jeanne Kochnederfer, Dan and Beth, The Boon Docks, CJ Bar, Jar's Bar & Grill, Yeager Oil, Cleereman Forest, Long Branch Saloon, Wendt's Sandbar Resort, Little Topsy, Iola Car Show, Rockin Robin's, John Swelle S&L Motors, Beaches, W.D., Senolihn's Bar, Dave Walsh, Northwoods L.P., Marie Horvath, Mole Lake Casino, Pack Em Inn, Wild Rose, Tom Durant, Club Cavour, Northwoods Firearms, Subway, Bruce Sturzl, One for the Road, Old Town Hall, Ray and Cheryl Bauer, John Klingensmith, Rick and Shelly Mihalko, Keith Radliff, Charlie's Lake Metonga, Laona Rescue Squad, Duck's Bar, Larry Fields, Armstrong Creek Pub, B&B Contracting, JB Welding, Tom Rice, Wabeno Bowl, and Big Dog Saloon.

## Thank Yous and Personals

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Crandon Youth Basketball would like to thank the following businesses and community members for donating to our fundraiser on 2/24/2022

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| Cocoa Cola               | Plummer Taxidermy            | Grades                      |
| IVT                      | Laona State Bank             | Crandon Boys Basketball     |
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We would also like to thank everyone who attended the fundraiser to support all our teams. Thank you to everyone who helped out the night of the event to make it a successful night.  
 Thank You, Crandon Youth Basketball

## Radiography Technology students at Nicolet post 100 % pass rate on exam

Three Nicolet College students were part of a Radiography Technology graduating class that recently posted a 100 percent pass rate on American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification exam.

The three Nicolet students were part of the graduating class of 11 in the Radiography Technology program that Nicolet shares with Lakeshore Technical College in Cleveland, Wis.

"We were absolutely thrilled when we found out that all of our students passed the exam," said Candy Dailey, dean of Health Occupations at Nicolet.

ARTT is the world's largest organization offering credentials in medical imaging, interventional procedures, and radiation therapy.

The national average pass rate for this year is not yet available, though since 2018, national pass rates have ranged from 88.2 percent to 89 percent.

Lakeshore graduate pass rates during that time ranged from 92.9 to 100 percent and surpassed the national average each of those years.

All of the students who were looking for work found positions before they graduated. The remainder of students transferred to four-year universities to pursue their bachelor's degrees.

"Our radiography graduates continue performing at a high level when testing and out in the workforce where they are in high demand," said Lakeshore President Paul Carlsen. "This class proved to be especially resilient during COVID and we are confident they will provide the best care possible to members of our community."

Lakeshore's Radiography program received an eight-year accreditation by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology in 2018.

For more information about the Radiography program Nicolet shares with Lakeshore, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the college at (715) 365-4493.

Information is also available on Lakeshore's website at gotoltc.edu/academics/degree-programs.

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productive populations, and preserving stronghold populations of brook trout and other important fisheries

- Conserve water and encourage water infiltration to reduce the impact of both droughts and floods
- Establish a long-term water monitoring network and a Wisconsin surface water applied research program to better track and manage surface waters as they respond to climate changes.

**How will Climate Change affect people in Northern Wisconsin?**

- Extreme storms and flooding are the most prominent climate impacts being felt by communities across Northern Wisconsin.
- Planning for these evolving climate challenges will be crucial for communities to maintain a vibrant economy in Wisconsin, reduce health risks, and promote public safety.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating an equitable transition to renewable energy is the best way to minimize the impacts of future warming, protect our economy, and reduce risk to human health.
- Support for climate resiliency education, planning, and projects will help smaller communities protect their businesses, residents, economy, and infrastructure.

**Solutions**

- Help communities become more resilient to climate change impacts by supporting comprehensive planning and community climate preparedness grants
- Embrace clean energy, walkable communities, public transportation, and green building
- Protect the most vulnerable in response to extreme weather events and set up timely public communication on climate-health issues
- Support efforts to develop diverse and sustainable tourism and outdoor recreation and preserve cultural resources


**Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191**

The Nicolet AARP Group had a Valentine's dinner at Mulligan's in Lakewood. Mulligans provided an excellent dinner of shrimp and beef. Two of the long time members, Don & Carol Butrymowicz, also celebrated their 50 year anniversary at the event. Every member left with a Valentine's box of chocolates.

The April meeting at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church will start at 7:00 p.m. (summertime hours).

All persons fifty and over are invited to join the local AARP Chapter. AARP meetings are social, entertaining, and informative. Meetings are held at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church on the fourth Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 PM. Contact Joyce West, Membership Chairman, at 715-850-0336.

Submitted by Dick Culver, Public Relations Chairman. 715-276-2618



# 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.*

Dear Forest County Community Members,

As I prepare to leave my position at the Forest County Health Department as the Director, I have many emotions that include sadness for leaving a position that I had much passion about, and hope and excitement for the future ahead. I have learned so much in the past 5 years, and thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the time I spent working for Forest County and the Health Department.

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our community for the compassion and understanding that you showed us at the Health Department as we moved through the different stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our community has endured many hardships, losses, and social and emotional stressors, but we are moving forward.

There will be a new Health Officer/Director moving into the position at the Forest County Health Department, and she and the staff at the Health Department will continue to guide and direct the Forest County communities on living healthy lifestyles and encouraging emergency preparedness. The Forest County Health Department is looking forward to building upon the partnerships that have been created and strengthened throughout the pandemic.

I am very proud to be a part of this community and it has been my pleasure to serve as as a Public Health Nurse, and the Health Officer/Director for the Forest County Health Department. While I am moving on in a different career path, I will not forget all the things this position has taught me, nor the people I have encountered along the way. Please remember to be kind to everyone, always.

/s/Holli Denton

### An open letter to Congressman Tiffany:

Dear Congressman Tiffany,

In the latest edition of your weekly e-newsletter, The Tiffany Telegram, you were highly critical of President Biden's policies to address climate change, but you didn't offer your views on climate change or any alternative proposals to address it.

According to the Yale Program on Climate Change C o m m u n i c a t i o n (<https://climatecommunication.yale.edu/visualizations-data/ycom-us>) 58% of your constituents are worried about global warming; 67% believe it will harm future generations; 54% believe it is already harming people in the US; and 53% think Congress should do more to address it.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently reported that "The scientific evidence is unequivocal: climate change is a threat to human well-being and the health of the planet. Any further delay in concerted global action will miss a brief, rapidly closing window to secure a livable future." ([https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC\\_AR6\\_WGII\\_Press\\_ConferenceSlides\\_small.pdf](https://report.ipcc.ch/ar6wg2/pdf/IPCC_AR6_WGII_Press_ConferenceSlides_small.pdf)). That is, if we seek to achieve energy independence by increasing our production of fossil fuels instead of greatly accelerating our transition to renewable energy, we'll be sacrificing human well-being, the health of the planet, and a livable future.

This is a very serious concern for many of your constituents. I think they deserve to know your position on climate change and what actions, if any, you think Congress should take to address it. I hope you'll forthrightly address these concerns in the next issue of The Tiffany Telegram.

Sincerely,  
Bill Bussey, Bayfield WI

**The deadline for the  
Pioneer Express is Tuesday  
at 5 p.m.**

## Sen. Johnson Introduces Legislation to Delist Gray Wolf as Endangered Species

WASHINGTON – This week U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), along with U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), U.S. Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), and U.S. Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) introduced bipartisan legislation to return management of gray wolf populations to states and delist the gray wolf as an endangered species in western Great Lakes states, including Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, as well as Wyoming under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

"Wisconsinites must have a say in the management of gray wolves. In the western Great Lakes region, state wildlife agencies should manage the recovered population so the wolf's ongoing role in the ecosystem does not come at the expense of farmers, loggers, sportsmen and people who simply live in these areas. Since 2015, I've fought to delist the gray wolf through multiple pieces of legislation and I will keep fighting until Congress passes a law that will codify the wolf delist administrative rulings that the Department of Interior under President Obama issued," said Senator Johnson.

"I have supported a bipartisan effort to delist the gray wolf in Wisconsin since 2011 because of the scientific conclusion that the population has recovered in the Great Lakes region and that is why we should return management to the State of Wisconsin. This bipartisan legislation is the best solution because it is driven by science and is focused on delisting in the Great Lakes region, including Wisconsin," said Senator Baldwin.

The legislation comes after a California federal court restored endangered species protection for the gray wolf in the lower 48 states, rolling back policies supported by the current and previous administrations. Since 2015, Sen. Johnson has advocated a narrow approach to delist the gray wolf and allow wolf management plans that are based on state wildlife expertise.

### Senator Baldwin Joins Bipartisan Letter Urging Biden Administration to Designate Ukraine for Temporary Protected Status

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) joined a group of bipartisan colleagues, led by Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Rob Portman (R-OH), yesterday in a letter to President Biden urging the Administration to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Ukrainians in the United States following the Russian military invasion of Ukraine.

"In light of Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, we respectfully request that your Administration promptly take all necessary steps to ensure that Ukrainian nationals present in the United States are not forced to return to Ukraine, including the designation of Ukraine for Temporary Protected Status (TPS)," the Senators wrote. "As you know, TPS can be granted to nationals of another country who are currently residing in the United States if returning to their country would pose a serious threat to their personal safety because of ongoing armed conflict, the temporary effects of an environmental disaster, or other extraordinary and temporary conditions. TPS allows eligible nationals of designated countries to remain in the United States legally until the expiration of the TPS designation."

On February 24, Ukraine declared a state of emergency and closed its airspace to commercial flights after Russia launched a series of unprovoked military strikes against major Ukrainian cities with forces attacking by land, sea, and air. Russian forces have employed hundreds of missiles against military and civilian targets across Ukraine in clear violation of international law, and troops continue to push to overtake major cities, including Kyiv. Ukrainian officials reported that at least 353 civilians have been killed so far since the Russian invasion began. The United States has closed its embassy in Kyiv and all embassy personnel and their family members have left Ukraine in recent weeks.

Established by the U.S. Congress through the Immigration Act of 1990, TPS is a temporary, renewable program that provides relief from deportation and access to a work permit for foreign nationals from certain countries who are unable to return safely to their home country due to natural disasters, armed conflicts, or other extraordinary conditions. The decision to deny, withdraw, or terminate TPS is in the sole discretion of the U.S. government.

According to the Department of State, 29,510 nonimmigrant visas were issued to Ukrainian nationals in Fiscal Year 2020.

# Death Notices

**Kenneth Maurice Rouse**, 89, of Wabeno, WI passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Aurora BayCare Medical Center, Green Bay.



Kenneth was born May 7, 1932, in Menomonee, Michigan the son of Maurice and Ellen (Eland) Rouse.

He was united in marriage on June 20, 1959, to Adelle Friess at Holy Hill Church. Ken and Adelle lived on Friess Lake in Hubertus, WI, where they enjoyed watersports, fishing, and friendly gatherings down by the lake. Kenneth was bestowed top clearance when he served in the U.S. Navy. He was also the proud owner of Ken Rouse Drywall, Inc. After retiring he and Adelle moved to their cabin in Carter, WI. He loved hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, dirt bike riding and wood carving. Kenneth was on the board of directors and was the historian for the 100 Mile Snow Safari. Ken was also a member of the Sylan Legion Post 44 in Wabeno. Most of all Ken enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Ken was always there to help out where needed, he will be missed by many.

Surviving are his wife of 62 years, Adelle Rouse; daughter, Laura (Thomas) Renkas of Wabeno; granddaughters, Ashlee Gardner (Gary) and Austin Gardner; great-grandchildren, Greyson and Oliver; sister, Sandy (Jerry) Zimmer, Algoma; and sister-in-law, (Barbara) Algoma. He is further survived by nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Maurice and Ellen Rouse; and a brother, Jim Rouse.

Honoring Kenneth wishes, no services will be held.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

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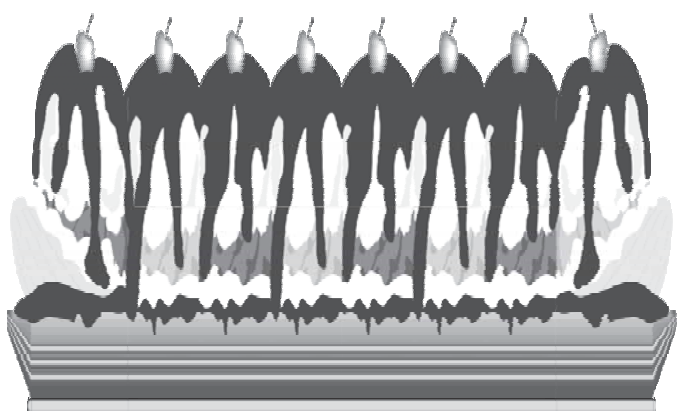
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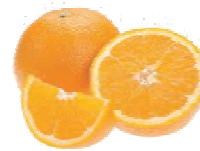
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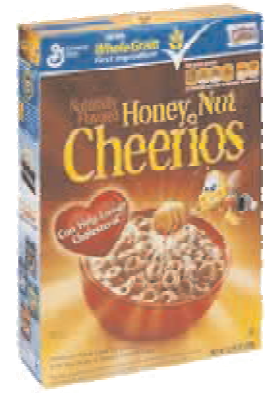
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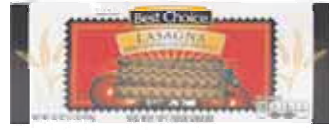


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**Water System Information**

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Chad Belland at (715) 674-7005.

**Opportunity for input on decisions affecting your water quality**

Meetings are held at the Wellhouse (5178 Wellhouse Rd) on either the second Wednesday or Thursday of the month. Agendas are posted at the Wellhouse, Bank, Post Office, Town Office, and Gas Station.

**Health Information**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

**Source(s) of Water**

Source ID	Source	Depth (in feet)	Status
1	Groundwater	57	Active

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment please contact, Chad Belland at (715) 674-7005.

**Educational Information**

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
HAA5 (ppb)	B0006	60	60	2	2		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHM (ppb)	B0006	80	0	14.4	14.4		No	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**Inorganic Contaminants**

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.017	0.017	0.017	9/23/2020	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.1	0.1	0.1	9/23/2020	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
NITRATE (NO <sub>3</sub> -N) (ppm)	10	10	0.44	0.44	0.44		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	7.60	7.60	7.60	9/23/2020	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.6500	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	9/23/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	0.51	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	9/23/2020	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

**Radioactive Contaminants**

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
RADIUM, (226 + 228) (pCi/l)		5	0	1.9	1.9	8/29/2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits

**Contaminants with a Health Advisory Level or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level**

The following tables list contaminants which were detected in your water and that have either a Health Advisory Level (HAL) or a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL), or both. There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed Health Advisory Levels, Groundwater Standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels. Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels are levels that do not present health concerns but may pose aesthetic problems such as objectionable taste, odor, or color. Health Advisory Levels are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk.

Contaminant (units)	Site	SMCL (ppm)	HAL (ppm)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2021)	Typical Source of Contaminant
CHLORIDE (ppm)		250		11.00	11.00	8/29/2017	Runoff/leaching from natural deposits, road salt, water softeners

**Additional Health Information**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Laona Sanitary Dist is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

