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End of an Era for the Sugarbush Snow-Mo-Wheelers



Jack Kloss presents a check to Bob Erdman

The Sugarbush Snow-Mo-Wheelers started in the early 1960's by a group of people who wanted to establish snowmobile trails in the Northwoods. In 1974 four small clubs met and agreed to fund a grooming organization to take care of approximately 100 miles of trails. This meeting resulted in the birth of the Lumberjack Memorial Trails Inc., also known as the LMT. In the early 1990's the Snow-Mo-Wheelers branched off to become a social club which mainly raised funds for the trail system. Over the years the Snow-Mo-Wheelers donated thousands of dollars and supported the purchase of drags, all the trail maps for Forest County, and other grooming equipment. It was a huge help to the LMT.

Jack Kloss served as president of the Snow-Mo-Wheelers for 30 years and has groomed for the LMT for 33 years. This year the club's members decided to terminate the club and donate all its assets to the LMT. The LMT will continue to host the annual poker run in the future.

On March 10th the Snow-Mo-Wheelers had a special presentation to turn over all the club assets to the LMT. Jack Kloss presented a check to Bob Erdman, president of LMT. Many members stood up and thanked Jack for all his hard work over the years.

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.

One of the programs I manage provides landowners access to a Forester who will provide you with a Forest Management Plan at no cost to the landowner. Part of the Management Plan usually involves Timber Stand Improvement (TSI).

What is Timber Stand Improvement?

It is a term used by people involved with Forestry to identify practices and activities that will improve the vigor, composition, stocking, productivity and quality of forest stands. TSI results in the removal of lower quality trees allowing crop trees to use the available growing space and resources. The goal is to continue increasing growth of the quality trees to promote more and better products from the timber. Over time, a timber stand can go from lower quality timber into growing healthier, more desirable species. TSI is sometimes called intermediate thinning that occurs between harvests.

If Timber Stand Improvement is part of your Forest Management Plan, the following practices should be employed:

- Determining the basal area (what grows there) to see if TSI is necessary. If so, improve conditions for the young, vigorous crop trees for faster growth and better quality by removing overtopped and competing trees.
- Thinning to prevent overcrowding and increase the growth rate of crop trees.
- Removing cull trees. Cull trees are live trees that are unsuitable for the production of some roundwood products. Cull trees can include those with decay, poor form, splits, or lots of limbs.
- Sanitation cutting to remove trees that have been damaged by insects, diseases, wind, or ice.
- Prescribed burning to remove undesirable hardwoods, to prepare seedbeds, to reduce the potential for wildfires, and to improve wildlife habitat.

Trees to Keep in your Timber Stand:

- High-quality healthy trees of a desirable species

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Nicolet College Job Fair April 7

More than two dozen employers from throughout the Northwoods will be at Nicolet College Thursday, April 7, for a Job Fair designed to connect those looking for work with employers that have openings.

"The big advantage for job seekers is that they have numerous employers all in one location," said Kris Peeters, executive assistant to the vice presidents of academics, student affairs, and enrollment, who is coordinating the event.

"They can hear first-hand what types of openings there are, what the jobs entail, and also what kind of training is needed for any jobs of interest."

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Lakeside Center on the Nicolet campus. It is open to both Nicolet students and the general public.

Employers attending the event include ABX, Ahlstrom Munksjo, American Senior Benefits, Aspirus Health, Bad River Tribe, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northwoods - Rhinelander, Charter Next Generation, County Materials, CoVantage Credit Union, Cruisers Driving School LLC, EAU Holdings, FSET - FoodShare Employment and Training, Holiday Acres, Marshfield Clinic Health System, Minocqua Country Club, Minocqua Health and Rehab, Northland CPAs, S.C., ODC Inc., Parsons of Eagle River Inc., Ponsse North America, Rhinelander SCSEP, Samuel Son & Co., Trident Maritime Systems, U.S. Army, Wisconsin Dept. of Corrections - Community Corrections, Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development, and WJFW Ch. 12.

For more information, contact Peeters at (715) 365-4416 or by email at kpeeters@nicoletcollege.edu.

Other employers looking to have a free table at the Job Fair can reserve one by contacting Peeters before March 28.

Forest County snowmobile trail closing

Forestry & Recreation Department

All Forest County State funded snowmobile and ATV Trails will officially close as of Monday, March 14, 2022.

Forest County Ordinance prohibits the use of ATV/UTV's on all State funded trails in Forest County during this closure.

The Nicolet State Trail and Wolf River State Trails will reopen for dual sport cycles and ATV/UTV use on or around May 1, 2022.

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.

Change to Crandon Library's programs from last week

There was a mistake in last week's article on Crandon Library programs. The change is as follows: Adult Program-Thursday March 24th at 3:00 or 5:00 p.m. Seed Starting with Jill Krueger, Master Gardener. Drop in and learn how to understand your seed packet instructions, plant starter vegies and care for your container garden. Please bring your own milk jug.

online at: pioneerexpresscrandon.com

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel



It was just above zero and a little wind, just enough to make it quite cold, but that didn't stop the crowd from going to Pickerel to view the St. Patrick's Day Parade held last Saturday. In spite of the cold and a little breeze that made it feel colder, a good time was had by those attending. Plenty of food was consumed and from what I could see, the breweries did quite well also.

These pictures are a sample of those who put floats and other interesting parts of the parade in front of the public.

This parade was the idea of Judy Schultz, who owned the Country Inn at the time. I walked in one day and she asked me if I thought a St. Patrick's Day parade would be a good event for the community. I urged it to give it a try, and we promoted it in this paper. She had a good idea!

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Candidate Spotlight

Anyone seeking political office is invited and encouraged to announce their candidacy in the Candidate Spotlight. It is an opportunity to tell the voters why you are running, goals if elected, etc. It is not a forum for bashing an opponent, and there is no charge.



Melanie Wagoner Candidate For Crandon School Board

Hello friends, fellow parents, community members of Crandon School District.

I welcome you on my journey as a Crandon School Board Candidate. This is a journey that cannot be done alone. Together with my friends, parents and community members we can accomplish big things for our school district. We need each other because we all have great ideas and skills to bring to the table. I would like to share mine....

As we all know, our school has faced many difficulties over the past couple of years. I have reached out to parents, staff members and community members to see where they would like to see improvement or change within our district. Majority of the feedback I received coincides with my own reasons for wanting to be a part of the Crandon School Board.

Throughout this journey, I would like you to learn more about me and what I would like to bring to the Crandon School District. I hope you will share my posts, reach out to me, and support me in ways that you choose to.

Many of you that know me, my values remain constant: honesty, integrity, supportive and strong willed.

My husband Ryan is a Crandon Alumni, he attended grade school, middle and high school in Crandon, graduating in 2003. We live in Crandon with our four boys, two of them currently in the Crandon School District. I was born and raised in Laona and graduated from Laona in 2008. Attended Northeast Technical College obtaining a degree in Healthcare Business and Medical Assisting. I am currently a stay at home mom raising our four boys.

As a mother of four, it's been heavy on my heart to become part of the change we all would like to see within not only our school but the world we live in. Our kids truly are our future and we need to have that at the forefront of our behaviors and decisions. As a community we need to work together towards the common goal!

Please remember to VOTE:
Melanie Wagoner

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SLOT DIRECTOR Full-Time, Exempt

Purpose Overall administration of all operations & functions of the Slot Dept., in alignment with the objectives & goals of PCCH, & in full accordance with all company operational policies & gaming regulations. The Slot Director manages the Slot Department under the direction of the General Manager.

Major Responsibilities

- Direct, coordinate & analyze placement & utilization of machines based on proforma & ROI. Direct & coordinate machine configurations, modifications, upgrades & installations.
- Formulate & administer dept. policies & activities; develop realistic short and long-term goal/objectives for the dept., in alignment with those of the facility.
- Implement, design & monitor all Slot training programs & seminars directed at developing & enhancing TM skills.
- Keep current with industry trends & technology to help maintain company's competitive edge.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree plus 5 yr. exp. in managing & operating a Slot Dept., or equivalent education/experience is required.
- Three years verifiable supervisory experience is required.
- Minimum one year verifiable dept. budgeting is preferred.
- Advanced computer experience is required.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.

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Post Date: March 8, 2022 **Closing Date:** March 29, 2022
 Complete job description available at www.cartercasino.com
 Submit applications/resumes to: Courtney Vaughn, Human Resources Manager
 618 State Hwy 32, Wabeno, WI 54566 | FAX: 715.473.6021
 E-mail: courtney.vaughn@cartercasino.com -or- online at www.cartercasino.com

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/RECEIVABLE CLERK Full-Time, Hourly

Purpose Ensure all purchase requisitions and invoices have proper authorization. Verify the accuracy of invoices, matching them to purchase orders, packing slips and other supporting documentation. Verify the accuracy of general ledger coding. Process and pay bills in a timely manner to uphold the integrity of PCCH. Maintain vendor files and facilitate vendors are up to date with licensing and insurance requirements.

Qualifications

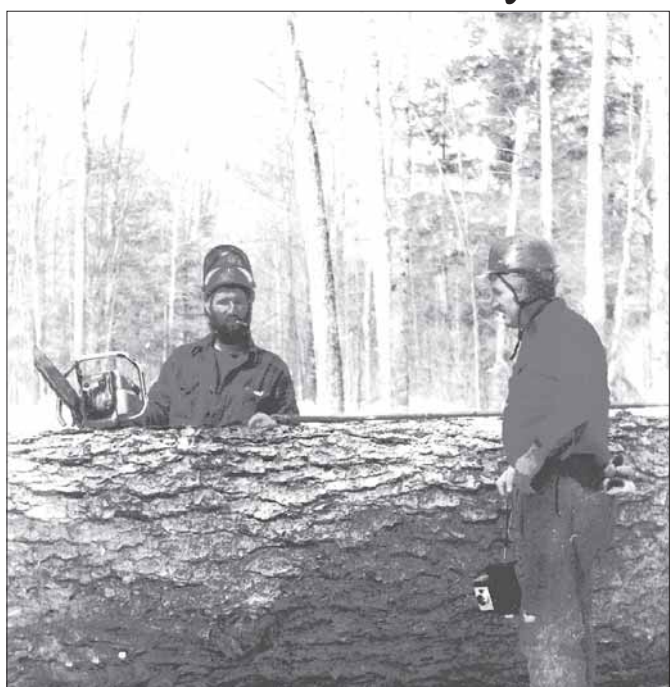
- Associate degree in Accounting or equivalent is preferred.
- Training and/or two years of Accounting experience is required.
- Ability to uphold complete confidentiality is required.
- Advanced computer knowledge is required.
- Must always display professionalism when representing PCCH.
- Must possess strong oral and written communication skills, excellent organizational skills & ability to maintain accuracy are required.

Conditions of Employment

- Must be at least 18 years old and have no misdemeanor or felony convictions involving theft, fraud or embezzlement.
- Must pass pre-employment and random drug testing.
- Must be able to obtain & maintain a Gaming License issued by the Forest County Potawatomi Gaming Commission.

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Scenes From Yesteryear



Frank Kowalkowski brought in this great photo of a white pine he and Pat Kowalkowski, on the left, harvested in the Goodman Bush back in the early 1970's. It was over 4 foot on the stump, and one 12 ft. log had over 800 board feet of lumber in it.

A logger will cut more trees in his career than anybody could count, but when you cut a tree that may have taken 300 years to get this big, it is an event to remember, and this picture will help generations to come remember their ancestors who were loggers in the famous Goodman Bush.

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IT MANAGER Full-Time, Exempt

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

Major Duties

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

Qualifications

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

Posting Information: TRIBAL/NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE APPLIES
Post Date: March 7, 2022 **Closing Date:** March 28, 2022
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Wisconsin DMV ends extension for drivers ages 60+ March 31

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds licensed drivers who are ages 60+ and whose license expired in January, February or March 2022, must renew their license by March 31, 2022.

The most recent driver license renewal extension for ages 60 and over ends March 31, 2022.

Drivers ages 18 to 64 may renew their driver license online (wisconsindmv.gov/renewDL) if they are U.S. citizens with an unrestricted driver license, have not had a change in medical conditions, and do not need an original REAL ID.

For those customers renewing in-person, appointments can be scheduled online (wisconsindmv.gov/DLGuide). Applications can also be completed online and submitted electronically to further reduce wait time in the DMV lobby.

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SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Head Grounds Keeper	C o o k
Grounds Worker	Bartender

Employment season varies, but runs approximately March through October for grounds and May through September for Kitchen and Bar. Part time and full time available. Head Grounds Keeper responsibilities include day to day operations, supervision of a 6 person crew, mowing fertilizing and general outdoor maintenance. On the job training as well as additional training seminars will be available. If interested and have questions, please call 715-889-2703 or send letter of application to Nicolet Country Club P.O. Box 56 Laona, WI 54541

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 89percent.

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 gotolc.edu/academics/degree-programs.

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VOTE for Jamie Thomaschefskey April 5th, 2022 for Crandon School Board

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- I have two kids in the district
- A strong business background
- Active in the community
- Coaches youth football, basketball & soccer
- I believe in a well rounded education for all of our students

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WCC Virtual Spring Hearing begins April 11 At 7 p.m.

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) today announced the Spring Hearing will once again be held online.

The public will have the opportunity to provide input on proposed natural resources rule changes from the DNR and advisory questions from the Natural Resources Board (NRB) and WCC through the online input opportunity.

The 2022 Spring Hearing online input webpage will go live at 7 p.m. on April 11 and will remain open for three days (72 hours). Results will be posted as soon as they are available.

This year there are 16 advisory questions from the DNR related to Fisheries and Wildlife Management. There are also two advisory questions from the NRB and 45 advisory questions from the WCC. All questions are available to preview here.

Wisconsinites can also recommend changes to natural resource issues by submitting citizen resolutions online. Review the Frequently Asked Questions, click the submit a resolution button, and follow the directions to enter your resolution. Citizens must submit resolutions by midnight on March 11. Those who complete the online input form (April 11-14) will see the resolutions submitted by individuals indicating they reside in that county.

"With the pandemic, this has been a challenging couple years for everyone around the state and the country, and we've witnessed just how important it is for everyone to have access to our natural resources," said Tony Blattler, chair of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. "We are excited to provide an opportunity for citizens to weigh in on these different management issues. I hope that everyone who has an interest in the issues being discussed will utilize the online option to provide their input."

"As far as the delegate elections go, we will not be holding elections, but there is an application available for individuals interested in filling a vacant seat," Blattler said. "The applications will be due March 11, which is also the deadline for citizens to submit resolutions." Information about the Spring Hearing questions is available on the DNR webpage here. The link will go live at 7 p.m. on April 11.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where the public elects delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the Department of Natural Resources on responsibly managing Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. The Congress accomplishes this through open, impartial, broad-ranged actions.

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Who are we? Oconto & Forest County Democrats Outreach

(Find us on Facebook)

DNR Seeking Public Input On Fall Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host three public hearings to present information on the proposed 2022 migratory game bird season and gather public input on the structure of the season. The public hearings will be held via Zoom starting at 7 p.m. on March 8-10.

"The 2022 waterfowl seasons will be based on predictions from federal models using the 2019 continental waterfowl population estimates," said Taylor Finger, DNR Migratory Game Bird Ecologist. "Although there was below-average precipitation last fall and this winter in Wisconsin, we expect populations to remain near normal in 2022. If we have favorable conditions this spring and fall, hunters can expect good waterfowl hunting opportunities."

At each public hearing, the department will accept public comments on the proposed migratory game bird season structure. The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding the migratory bird season structure by Friday, March 11, 2022. Please submit comments to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
C/O Taylor Finger or Allicyn Nelson - Bureau of Wildlife Management

P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707

Email: taylor.finger@wisconsin.gov or allicyn.nelson@wisconsin.gov

After public comments have been collected, the Natural Resources Board will set the final season structure at its April 12-13 meeting in Madison.

View and provide input on the 2022 waterfowl season options online by visiting this DNR webpage.

MEETING DETAILS:

WHAT: Public hearings on the proposed 2022 migratory game bird season

WHEN:

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8

(Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 854 6054 3864)

7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9

(Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 858 5613 4638)

7 p.m. Thursday, March 10

(Join by phone: 312-626-6799; Meeting ID: 865 1174 4876)

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

Public invited to tour Nicolet College's new, state-of-the-art manufacturing labs and classrooms

The newly remodeled manufacturing labs and classrooms at Nicolet College will be on full display during a public open house of the new facility in the Birchwoods Center from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 13.

The \$2.2 million upgrade has created a state-of-the-art training facility for students in Nicolet's Welding, Electromechanical Technology, Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Industrial Electronics Technician, and Industrial Mechanical Technician.

The college will also launch a new Metal Fabrication program this spring followed this coming summer with a new Forestry Maintenance program, both of which will also be housed in the Birchwoods Center.

"It's critical for the college to stay on the leading edge of technology so our graduates can make that seamless transition into the workforce," said Jeff Labs, dean of Trade, Industry and Apprenticeships at Nicolet.

"This large-scale remodel of the Birchwoods Center will help them do exactly that. The skills students will learn are precisely what they'll need to launch successful careers in a variety of industries and are also what area manufacturers need to be productive, efficient and profitable."

At 5:15 p.m., guest speaker Matthew Kircher will share his experience and insights of manufacturing's economic impact on society, the emerging state of Industry 4.0, and the future of manufacturing. Kirchner is President of LAB Midwest and host of the TechEd Podcast.

For more information about Nicolet's manufacturing programs, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the college at (715) 365-4493.

Nicolet College is located one mile south of Rhinelander just off of Hwy. G.

Oconto County Dnr Safety Certified ATV Class

The class will be held at the Town of Lakewood Community Center/Fire Station, 17214 North Road, Lakewood, WI. 54138. This building is located one block east of Highway 32 at the corner of Highway F and North Road. Class will meet on Saturday April 23, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This is a one (1) day class. Student Handbooks will be mailed 2 weeks in advance of the actual class date. Students are expected to read the Student Handbook and complete the Chapter Review questions in advance of the actual class date. This format has been used previously, and works exceptionally well as the students come to class prepared.

Anyone is welcome to attend the course with a recommended minimum age of 11-1/2. Anyone born after January 1, 1988 and at least 12 years old must have ATV certification to operate on public areas. Those students who have not reached the age of 12 may not use their certificate to operate alone until they turn 12 years of age. Parents and adults are encouraged to enroll and participate. Fees for the course are \$10.00 per student.

Students successfully completing the course will receive ATV Safety Graduate Certificates. There is no actual ATV operation in the class.

Register online and also obtain a DNR customer identification number (CID#) at gowild.wi.gov. A customer identification number can also be obtained at DNR service outlets or by calling 888-936-7463. Student must obtain their own personal DNR CID#.

Class size will be limited to 35 participants. It is recommended to register well in advance of the April 6, 2022 deadline as these classes are normally full. Students with special needs will need to contact the instructor at least two weeks in advance to request special accommodations. For information, please contact Brian Fitzpatrick at (715) 340-6262.

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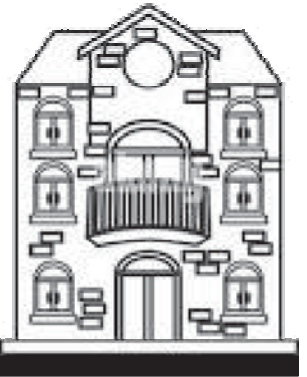
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Letters to the Editor

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New videos launch for text line that helps teens quit vaping

An online course is also available for parents

The Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition reports that new videos urging Wisconsin teens to quit vaping are running across the state on popular social media sites like TikTok and SnapChat through March. The videos feature teens talking about why they're ready to quit using e-cigarettes. Each video encourages teens to get free help from the Live Vape Free program by texting "VAPEFREE" to 873373.

Teens who text Live Vape Free receive free support including one-on-one coaching with quit tips, resources to help them better understand and identify their motivations for quitting, and interactive content like quizzes and games. Live Vape Free is provided through the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line.

Members of the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition say Live Vape Free couldn't arrive at a better time. "Right now in Wisconsin, about one in five teens vape, and half of teens have tried it," said Wozniak. "Live Vape Free has the potential to help us change those numbers."

E-cigarettes, or "vapes," are one of the latest, most trendy tobacco products on the market, yet are one of the biggest threats to kids' health. Vaping exposes children to nicotine, the dangers of addiction, and additional health risks. Some of the most popular pods contain as much nicotine as 20 cigarettes, and e-liquids can contain heavy metals like nickel, tin, and lead. Additionally, they make sweet and trendy flavors in attempt to target the youth population. They also come in different shapes and sizes in order to be hidden in plain sight. This is a threat to our community as 89% of teens say they wouldn't use a form of unflavored tobacco.

Parents, guardians, or other adults who want to help a teen in their life quit vaping can also find resources and even take a free online course at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vapefree. Through the course, adults learn about warning signs and get practical advice for talking to the teens in their life. They can also connect with a coach and download a toolkit with resources to start the conversation, like quizzes.

"Parents may be scared to talk with their kids about this topic, but they don't have to be," continued Wozniak. "The tools provided in the online course can help them take the first step, which is sometimes the hardest."

Again, teens who are ready to quit using e-cigarettes should text "VAPEFREE" to 873373 for free help. Teens can also learn more about Live Vape Free at <https://quitline.wisc.edu/livevapefree/>.

For more on commercial tobacco prevention efforts in Forest County and within the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition, visit the Forest County Health Department's Facebook page.

Joseph Dale Lewis, of Elton, died Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at his home surrounded by family. He was 83 years old. He was born on April 19, 1938, in Scioto County, Ohio, a son of Raymond and Doris (Gilliam) Lewis. He married Sandra Tomlin on April 10, 2001, at the Langlade County Courthouse.



Joe joined the United States Air Force on his 17th birthday where he received his GED and served for six years. He owned Lewis Custom Carpets for 30 years with his sons working alongside him, and was known as the county's oldest carpet installer. He was a security guard for Mole Lake Casino for 20 years. Joe served as a sideboard member for the Town of Evergreen Town Board.



Joe enjoyed being in nature, fishing, and hunting, especially squirrel hunting. He was a mechanic in his free-time fixing up hotrods. Joe enjoyed gambling, reading and was a Green Bay Packer fan.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy; daughter, Ravonna (Larry) Johnson of Pinehurst, NC; two sons, Ray (Elizabeth) Lewis of White Lake and Jamie (Jenna) Schafer of Antigo; son-in-law, Dan Mullins in Deerbrook; brother, Darrell (Florence) Lewis of Argonne; sister-in-law, Nancy Lewis of Antigo; mother-in-law, Vera Tomlin of Pearson; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one on the way. He is further survived by in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty (Straley) Lewis; daughters, Linda Lee Lewis and Tina Mullins; brothers, Doug (Kaye) Lewis, Dean (Gale) Lewis and Dallas Lewis; father-in-law, Marvin Tomlin; and his feline best friend, Hisser.

Following Joe's wishes, no services will be held. Bradley Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.



Linda R. Hartman, age 78 of Lakewood, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022. Linda was born on May 29, 1943 to the late Robert and Ruth (Bentz) Johnston in Forest Park, Illinois. She graduated with class of 1961 from Proviso East High School. In 1962, Linda married her high school sweetheart, Phil Hartman. The couple raised two sons: Phil "Flip" and Andrew "Drew".

The family moved to the Northwoods in 1974 and settled on Maiden Lake, where Linda ran the Maiden Lake Grocery Store.

The couple also started Hart Tool & Engineering in 1976 which later became Nicolet Plastics, Inc. Linda also worked as a waitress at Maiden Lake Supper Club and Waubee Lodge. During the late 70's and early 80's, Linda managed the kitchen at Paul Bunyan Ski Hill. Linda played softball and participated in many clubs: Home Makers, Style Shows, Red Hatters, Lioness, Garden Club and Corvette Club. She traveled extensively and was very outgoing. Linda also loved to sing, encouraging her granddaughters to join her. While Linda grew up in a Baptist church, she was a member of the presbyterian church in Lakewood.

Linda is survived by her husband, Phil; two sons, Flip (Beth) and Drew (Kate); grandchildren, Andrea, Britney, Levi, Reese, and Beau; great-grandchildren, Kaden, Tristan, Will, Everly

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Barbara.

Visitation will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022 at Northwoods Bible Fellowship Church from 2 pm until the memorial service at 4 pm with Pastor Scott VanLaanen officiating. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

Death Notices

Richard F. Lau, 93, formerly of Mountain, WI passed away January 24, 2022 at a Green Bay hospital. He was born December 7, 1928 in Two Rivers, Wisconsin and was a graduate of Washington High School. He married the former Mary (nee Nelson) Otto on January 3, 1976 in Manitowoc. They resided in the Mountain area for many years and were members of St. John Lutheran Church in Townsend. Richard was also an active volunteer with the Town of Doty Fire Department. He was a veteran of service in the US Air Force serving in the Canal Zone.

He is survived by brothers, Everett and John Lau.

He was preceded in death by his wife on January 8, 2006; and by a sister.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022 at St. John Lutheran Church, Hwy 32 in Townsend with the Rev. Richard Kelm officiating. Military honors will be accorded by the Wabeno American Legion Post 44.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Joseph (Joe)(Joe Dirt) Clark Sr.** Joe formerly resided in the Crandon and Laona areas of Wisconsin. He fought a courageous battle with cancer but passed away on Thursday, March 10, 2022. Joe was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on January 15, 1960.



He is preceded in death by his beloved mother, Patricia Clark, and father, Fred Clark. Joe's memory will be cherished by his older siblings, Pam Plotkin and Jim (Cindy) Oliver, along with his sister, Dawn Mandt and his brother, John Oliver.

Joe was very proud of his children and grandchildren and reveled in their accomplishments. He will be forever missed by his loving daughter, Danielle (Craig) Johnson of Appleton, Wisconsin; and devoted son, Joseph (Joey) Clark Jr. (Monique) of Zion, Illinois. He leaves five grandsons: Chase Fatla, Maverick Fatla, Raiden Johnson, Riley Johnson and Tristan Clark. He shared his love of fishing, hunting, and wrestling with all of them.

He was deeply loved by his nephew, Brad Plotkin, and niece, Beth Plotkin. His childhood friends, Steve (Debbie) Lipski and John (Laurie) Heeter, will miss his daily phone conversations and so much more. Their wonderful friendships spanned the decades both in Milwaukee and in Laona, Wisconsin. Joe had many devoted friends!

They'll remember his love of fun, the Packers, and his love for the woods of Northern Wisconsin. They'll remember his smile, his generosity, and his willingness to help when needed.

The family would like to thank all who were involved with the "Joe Dirt" Charity Predator Hunt on March 5, 2022. Joe was especially touched and grateful to everyone for their love and generosity.

If Joe had input to this obituary, he would advise everyone to enjoy life by doing what you love, find something funny to laugh at, and have a beer.

A "Celebration of Life" event will be announced at a later date.

Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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The play takes place on a Broadway stage at an understudy rehearsal for Franz Kafka's "undiscovered masterpiece." Roxanne, the stage manager, has the arduous and often hilarious task of trying to wrangle an action movie star, Jake, as well as the new understudy, Harry, who happens to be her ex-fiancé. *The Understudy* premiered at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in 2008 with Bradley Cooper and Wisconsin native Kristen Johnston as Jake and Roxanne.

After the sold-out run of *DEERS* this past fall, Director K. Woodzick wanted to select a play that would complement that large ensemble cast.

"The *Understudy* is a three-person play that is a marathon for the actors," Woodzick shared. "While *DEERS* was a regional premiere, *The Understudy* is a play by Theresa Rebeck, who is an incredibly prolific playwright. Audiences may also know her writing from the television shows *SMASH*, *NYPD Blue*, *Law & Order: Criminal Intent* and *L.A. Law*. She writes challenging comedic characters that give actors a lot to sink their teeth into."

The cast is comprised of Kat Bramley (Roxanne), Jared Davis (Harry), both from Minocqua, and Charles Lynch (Jake), from Crandon. Bramley and Davis are newcomers to the Nicolet Players and bring extensive theatrical experience from their time in the Ohio University MFA in Acting program and performance, teaching and design work in the Chicago area, as well as Sturgeon Bay and Milwaukee.

Some of Bramley's favorite roles include Rosalind in *As You Like It*, Brooke in *Noises Off*, (Ohio University), Chris in *Dancing at Lughnasa* (Tantrum Theater), Nora in *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, Viola in *Twelfth Night* (Monomoy Theater) and Ida in *An Appalachian Christmas Carol* (Brick Monkey Theater Ensemble.) Davis currently serves as the head of maintenance at Clearwater Camp for Girls.

Audiences will remember Lynch as a veteran Nicolet Player, having seen him in shows like *Anastasia*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Almost Maine* and *Becky's New Car*. Lynch said roles such as Count Dracula, Austin in *True West* and John Proctor in *The Crucible* are among his favorites in a long career that has taken him to perform in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Madison and Wausau. A proud member of the Sokaogon Chippewa Tribe of Mole Lake, Lynch dedicates this performance to his biggest fan and source of inspiration, his mother.

"At a time when the world can seem overwhelming, *The Understudy* is a perfect play to provide an escape for audiences," Woodzick said. "We have an unbelievably talented and professional cast and creative team. Rehearsals have been an absolute delight, and we cannot wait to share this show with Northwoods audiences. There's truly something for everyone: a love triangle, a missing gun, silly moments with bananas, and at the core, three humans searching for connection and meaning."

Original music for *The Understudy* will be composed by Nate Sheppard. Scenic, sound and lighting design will all be by Nicolet College Theatre and Event Services Manager Mike Effinger. Ashley Gardner is the assistant director and dramaturg and Nicolet student Skyler Miller is the stage manager.

All Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. There is a content warning for gunshots and some profanity and the show is recommended for audiences 16 and up. Tickets are \$10 general public, \$8 for students and can be purchased online at nicoletlive.com.

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ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Chase Novak	Elcho	12
Evan Johnson	Florence	11
Boone Larison	Goodman/Pembin	12
Connor Taylor	Laona/Wabeno	12
Reed Christianson	Laona/Wabeno	12

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Patrick Milan	Florence	12
William Kelley	Florence	10
Carter Janesch	Laona/Wabeno	11
Logan Erikson	Three Lakes	12
Sam Eppler	Three Lakes	12

SECOND TEAM

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Tyler Sprink	Crandon	12
Seth Schuett	Elcho	12
Landon Kalkofen	Goodman/Pembin	12
Ryan Ehler	Goodman / Pembin	10
Jared Kaufman	Three Lakes	10

HONORABLE MENTION

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Tyler Sprink	Crandon	12
Seth Schuett	Elcho	12
Landon Kalkofen	Goodman/Pembin	12
Ryan Ehler	Goodman / Pembin	10
Jared Kaufman	Three Lakes	10

*bold denotes unanimous vote

NORTHERN LAKES CONFERENCE WRESTLING 2021-2022

Conference Champions: Crandon Cardinals
 Wrestler of the Year : Pearson Czaplinski, Laona/Wabeno/Three Lakes

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

WEIGHT	WRESTLER	TEAM	YEAR
106	Mason Dewing	Crandon	9
113			
120	Elias Glinski **	Crandon	10
126	Ty Dennee	Crandon	9
132	Renn Marvin	Crandon	12
138	Carsyn Mayer *	Crandon	11
145	Cole Shepherd *	Crandon	11
152	Breyson Kelley *	Florence/Niagara	9
160	Piersson Czaplinski **	L/W/Three Lakes	12
170	Ryan Roy **	L/W/Three Lakes	11
182	Frank Shepard III	L/W/Three Lakes	12
195	Silas Dennee	Crandon	11
220	Gus Frank	L/W/Three Lakes	11
285	Connor Lawrence *	Crandon	10

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Offensive Player of the Year: Kara Sowinski, Three Lakes Bluejays

Defensive Player of the Year: Mara Stamper, Crandon Cardinals

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Holly Palubicki	Crandon	11
Mara Stamper	Crandon	11
Isabella Millan	Florence	10
Elizabeth Krawze	Laona/Wabeno	12
Kara Sowinski	Three Lakes	12

SECOND TEAM

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR
Lilly Reinke	Elcho	12
Grace Krawze	Laona/Wabeno	11
Kallie Volk	Three Lakes	11
Mari Szews	Three Lakes	12
Sara Gruszynski	Three Lakes	12

HONORABLE MENTION

PLAYER TEAM YEAR

Ava Neilitz	Crandon	12
Lauren Littleton	Crandon	
Sabrina Hatfield-Franske	Elcho	10
Kamdan Johnson	Florence	9
Kaylan LaRock	Laona/Wabeno	11
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Crandon Senior Spotlight - Madyson Dachelet



Madyson Dachelet, daughter of Robert and Donnell Dachelet, said her best high school memories are from performing: in the fall of 2020 when her drama team won state. They had gone virtual for competition and the awards were announced over Zoom. They sat in Mrs. Bradley's room and watched as the judges said they won state as a whole, an ensemble award, director's award and a couple of individual acting awards. After that, their team sat in the parking lot and blasted music just celebrating their victory.

In the past twelve years, she's learned that there are no dumb questions. If you have a question, ask the teacher. They are there to help you succeed.

She plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in the fall. She is going in undecided, but hopefully she will be in the education field. She hopes to one day be a history and social studies or grade school teacher.

She would like to thank her parents for helping her get through high school and her grandma, DeElda, for teaching her the importance of being on time and that it does not cost anything to be kind. She would also like to thank Senora for getting her through her high school Spanish career. Thank you to Mrs. Bradley too for being her drama and forensics coach since 6th grade. Thank you for pushing and believing in her. She would like to thank Mrs. Nickel for always being there and fighting for her and other students.

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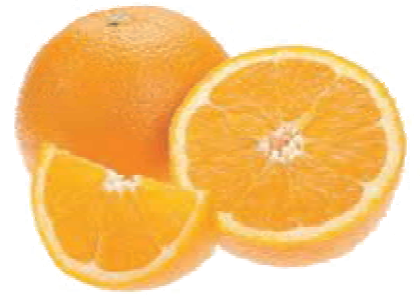
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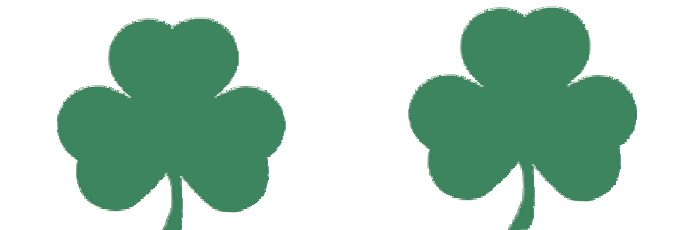
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Monday - March 28 - Ham potato, spinach and egg frittata, fruit, biscuit, berry cobbler
CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - March 22 - Spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, green beans, fruit, garlic bread, carrot cake
Tuesday - March 29 - Chicken with gravy, rice pilaf, carrots, fruit, apple pie square
CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Wednesday - March 23 - Pork boiled dinner with potato, carrots, rutabaga and cabbage, corn muffin, apple crisp
Wednesday - March 30 - Hamburger on bun, potato wedges, baked beans, fruit, brownie
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Regular Meeting Laona Board of Education

**Tuesday, February 15, 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, Melissa Chrisman, Jason Bertrand, Tiffany Pakulski, and Katie Shepard to take notes. Chad Albrecht was absent. There were (2) two guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Scott Reeves led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes): NONE

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, January 10, 2022.

Purchase Orders from 2/8/22 - 2/11/22 - \$ 55,193.00

Disbursements & Wires from 1/1/22 - 1/31/22 - \$ 284,402.24

Cash Receipts from 1/1/22 - 1/31/22 - \$ 12,485.84

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

OPEN ACTION ITEMS:

Two junior students presented the **Junior Prom Update** for May 21, 2022. The Junior prom will be from 7:00PM through 11:00 PM in the multipurpose room. They have two chaperones and administration will be attending. They will be moving forward with planning.

Elysia Nguyen will be the **Commencement Speaker** for the graduating Class of 2022. Elysia is the sister of one of the seniors and a Prosecutor at the Outagamie County District Attorney's Office.

Chad Albrecht arrived at 5:34PM.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by McLaughlin to approve Hurckman Mechanical for replacement **Boilers** in the elementary school and Energy Control for the boiler control modifications. All in favor, motion carried.

After discussion the Gymnasium boilers have been tabled.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Hoffman to approve the **Cabinet Projects**. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to approve the **Locker Project**. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hoffman to approve the **Flooring Project** for the Elementary bathrooms. All in favor, motion carried.

Mrs. Chrisman presented the **First Look of the NEOLA Policies**, Draft, Vol. 31, No. 1, Dec. 2021, 0100, 0142.1, 0142.5, 1044.5, 0152, 0165.1, 01460, 2210, 2266, 3121, 3122.01, 3160, 3340, 4121, 4122, 4160, 4340, 5113, 5200, 5410, 6114, 6152, 6152.01, 7100, 8310, and 8450. Will be on March's agenda to approve.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Hoffman to approve John Markowski as the **Assistant Head Football Coach** and Craig Kochenderfer as the **Junior High Golf Coach**. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held on the **January Pupil Count**.

Mrs. Chrisman presented the **AGR Data** to the board.

Mrs. Chrisman presented the **2022-2023 School Calendar**. Motion by Shepard, seconded by Hoffman to approve the 2022-2023 calendar. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held on the **COVID-19 Update** at school. The Laona School District will continue with the protocol that was set in place in January.

Discussion was held regarding the **Staff Handbooks**. After discussion, the board and administration will bring ideas to the March meeting.

The **Business Manager's Contract** 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. Tiffany Pakulski added that the paint used for the bathroom flooring was negative for lead.

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. Mr. Bertrand added that Northern Lakes Services reached out for two employment opportunities for students looking to go into the work force right away after graduation.

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 congratulated Ryan, Pierrson, and Augustus on their advancement to Sectionals for wrestling.

• Melissa McLaughlin requested the outcome of the Science projects that were finished at the end of the semester.

• Chad Albrecht thanked the staff for following the new protocol set in place in January. He thanked the administration for stepping up and making the hard decisions.

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 jurisdiction 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 McLaughlin, seconded by Albrecht to approve the **Business Manager's Contract** with approved changes for 1 year. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Albrecht to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (9:27 p.m.)

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The Nicolet Wild Rivers chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society would like to thank everyone that attended or donated to our 30th Annual Banquet. To Camp 36, Camp 37 and Richard Connor, thank you for sponsoring for 30 years. The success of this banquet would not have been possible without the great support from our members, local businesses, volunteers, and sponsors.

Thank you and we look forward to your continued support next year.

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Because of our generous community, the Laona Lions were able to help and contribute to the following for 2021:

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Infant Formula Recall: What to Know

Families encouraged to check for recalled formula and monitor children for symptoms

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are investigating five consumer complaints nationwide of infant illness related to infant formula products from the Abbott Nutrition facility in Sturgis, Michigan. These complaints were received from September 20, 2021, to January 11, 2022. All of the infants who are ill are reported to have consumed powdered infant formula produced at this facility. As a result, a recall was issued on February 17, 2022(link is external) for Similac, Alimentum, and EleCare powdered formula produced during a certain time period.

The FDA advises consumers not to use recalled Similac, Alimentum or EleCare (including EleCare Jr.) powdered infant formulas. Recalled products can be identified by the 7- to 9-digit code and expiration date on the bottom of the package. Products are included in the recall if they have all three items below:

- The first two digits of the code are 22 through 37 and
- The code on the container contains K8, SH, or Z2, and
- The expiration date is 4-1-2022 (APR 2022) or later.

In addition to products described above, Abbott Nutrition has recalled Similac PM 60/40 with a lot code 27032K80 (can) / 27032K800 (case). At this time, Similac PM 60/40 with lot code 27032K80 (can) / 27032K800 (case) are the only type and lots of this specialty formula being recalled. Additional recall information is available on the FDA website. Parents and caregivers can also enter their product lot code on the company's website to check if it is part of the recall. Do not feed infants recalled powdered formula. If you check your formula and it is one of the affected products, immediately stop all use and return it to the store where it was purchased.

"If your family has recently used formula from this recalled batch, watch out for any signs of illness including fever, poor feeding, crying, or low energy," said DHS State Epidemiologist for Maternal and Child Health Dr. Jasmine Zapata. "If your child is ill, contact a health care provider immediately."

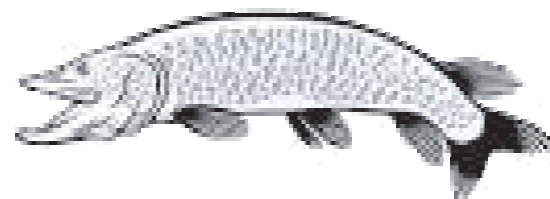
Families can find information about the recall as well as suitable replacement products on the DHS Outbreaks and Investigations page. Food pantries and local WIC sites are providing replacement formula products for families. If a family is having trouble getting formula, dial 211 or chat with a community resources specialist online. Breastfeeding resources are available on the DHS WIC webpage.

Although most children who consumed the recalled product will not become ill, the recalled products have been linked to both Cronobacter(link is external) sakazakii and Salmonella Newport infections in infants. All five infants related to these complaints were hospitalized, and Cronobacter infection may have contributed to two deaths nationwide to date. If your child is showing any of the following symptoms, you should contact their pediatrician or a health care provider:

- Fever
- Poor feeding
- Crying
- Low energy

Health care providers should report suspected cases of Cronobacter sakazakii or salmonellosis in children who consumed recalled products to their local health department.

For infants under 12 months, Cronobacter may cause sepsis or severe meningitis, according to the CDC. Some infants may experience seizures. Those with meningitis may develop brain abscesses or infarcts, hydrocephalus, or other serious complications that can cause long-term neurological problems. The mortality rate for Cronobacter meningitis, which is more common in infants less than two months old, may be as high as 40 percent. Most persons infected with Salmonella bacteria develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection, according to the CDC. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days and can be severe in infants.



Final details for Musky Seminar March 26 and April 2 at Nicolet



Fishing Hall of Fame inductee Steve Heiting, along with other top Northwoods guides, will lead numerous different presentations during the Musky Seminar

The many tactics to catch one of the most prized gamefish in northern Wisconsin will be the focus when the Outdoor Adventure program at Nicolet College holds its Musky Seminar March 26 and April 3.

"If there's a secret to catching muskies regularly, it's putting together a whole bunch of little things and doing them correctly," said recent Fishing Hall of Fame inductee Steve Heiting, who will be the lead presenter at the seminar.

Participants can attend one or both days.

Ten different classes are planned for the two-day event with seminars offered March 26 geared for people new to musky fishing and with April 2 geared toward helping more experienced musky hunters put more fish in their boat.

"All of the class sessions are focused on giving people the knowledge and skills they need so they can hit the water running when musky season opens in May," Heiting said.

Joining Heiting in presenting seminars are long-time Northwoods guides Scott Biscobing, Ken Jackson and Rob Manthei.

Each session is one hour and topics will include Basics Of Musky Fishing, Landing & Release Techniques, The Right Stuff: Gear Up Correctly, Examining Area Waters, Make Muskies Bite, Understand Feeding Windows, Moving Waters: Fishing In Current, Successful Tactics For Open Water, and Livebait Tactics.

Cost is \$60 for one day and \$100 for both days. Lunch, a welcome bag, and the chance at door prizes are included in the registration fee.

Nicolet College held Musky Seminars in 2018 and 2019, but had to skip the past two years because of the pandemic. "Thankfully, it looks like that's behind us now," Heiting said.

Note that mask mandates have been lifted at Nicolet.

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