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Blackwell Centennial Celebration this weekend



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This Saturday, July 9th, Blackwell will be putting on a party to celebrate 100 years of being Blackwell. The event starts at noon, with something for everybody. There will be kid's games, a parachute launch and chase with princesses and soldiers falling from the sky. At 1:00 p.m. there will be a plaque presentation by Rep. Jeff Mursau and Sen. Felzkowski. A birthday cake will follow.

There will be corn hole tournament, crazy hat judging, a cribbage tournament, trolley rides on the Rat River Trail, view historic photos in the town hall, and there will be craft and food vendors.

You can enjoy music throughout the day, starting with Greg Tallier, then Mike Wojnowski, and starting at 6 p.m., there will be music by "Trainwreck."

At dusk, there will be fireworks at the trailhead on NuRoc Lane.

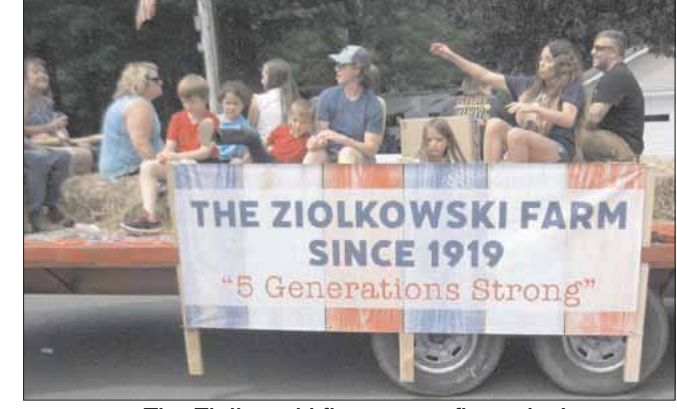
Blackwell welcomes all to come and celebrate the birthday of one of Forest County's original sawmill towns!

Armstrong Creek Centennial a Big Success!

The Armstrong Creek Centennial Celebration was extremely well attended and a big success in recognizing the townships first 100 years. The crowd was in excess of 1,000 people.

The parade had many entrants, the food was good, there was fun for the kids with a bouncy house, and the historical display brought the last 100 years or more to the attention of the people. The Ziolkowski float won first place in the parade, and Armstrong Creek Heating and Cooling took 2nd place with their float. The Lion's Club float took 3rd place.

It is probably too soon to begin work on the bicentennial celebration, but lets hope all of our communities in the area are still here, healthy and happy when that time comes. You can bet that the people who handle that event will be looking back on the success of the centennial committee back in 2022!



The Ziolkowski float won a first prize!



Everybody loves old trucks and maple syrup

Wabeno Area Players cancel "Nunsense" production

Due to cast illness, the Wabeno Area Players have been forced to cancel our upcoming performances of Nunsense Jamboree. We have asked ShowTix4U to refund all ticket purchases, and assume they will make refunds in a few days.

The Wabeno Area Players hope to reschedule the musical later this year. We will issue publicity as soon as we have made a decision.

We apologize for disappointing you and appreciate you very much for your patronage.

Brat Sale to support Lakes Country Public Library

The Friends of Lakes Country Public Library will host a brat sale on Friday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Lakewood SuperValu. Proceeds from the sale will provide funding for new materials such as books and DVDs, special programming including the summer reading program, the outdoor garden, and the summer intern.

If you are interested in joining or helping the Friends please contact the library at 715-276-9020. All year long residents and seasonal visitors are welcome to join. Please support this valuable resource.

Art classes at the Crandon Public Library

Join us at the library for eloquent art (Title): Tanya Hinz of Brytans Expressive Art/Acrylic Painting Class Age 14 and up:

- All supplies provided/wear appropriate clothing for painting.
 - Sign up requirement
 - Eight people maximum
 - Call to register@ 715-478-3784
 - Lower Level at times listed, sharp
- 1.) Design & Paint Garden Rocks, Saturday July 23rd, 9:30-11 a.m.
 - 2.) Field of Daisies on Canvas, Saturday, August 20th, 10-11:30 a.m.

Positive cases of covid-19 in Forest County

Forest County Public Health officials have confirmed 114 individuals have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since June 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 7 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.

New happenings at the Crandon Museum

Things are happening at the museum in Crandon. Now that summer is well under way, they are hoping that lots of people, local and from out of town, will come and visit. In addition to their wide variety of artifacts, they currently have a display of different types of needlework. Some are very old crafts that are making a comeback including bobbin lace, tatting, and nalbinding. You will also see quilting, knitted items and button boxes. You won't want to miss the child's baptismal gown made from silk from an actual parachute used in World War II. Who knew silk fibers were so strong?

You may have noticed a new addition outside the museum. They now have a carriage shed which is home to

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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.

Conservation is about saving, about protecting and preserving the natural world for future generations. Sometimes to save local environments, you have to kill some plants. Specifically, invasive plants that don't belong here.

Invasive species are horrible for their adopted environments, which may not have have natural predators that can keep their numbers in check. They choke out other plants that are just trying to strive in their rightful place, and that hurts native animals and insects that rely on the native plant to be their habitat or food source.

So how do you know if a plant needs destroying? This article will identify some of the most common—and most dangerous—invasive species in the U.S. Just remember that before you actually rip anything out of the ground, be sure you've identified the plant properly.

HYDRILLA This vine-like plant may seem harmless with its little pointed leaves, but it clogs up aquatic environments by growing up to an inch a day. It is considered one of the worst aquatic weeds in the entire country for crowding out other plants and growing in water reservoirs.



ENGLISH IVY When it covers the side of a home, this vine may look like something out of a charming old college town. But much like its country of origin, this plant has colonized other nations and is responsible for much destruction in the United States.



English ivy literally suffocates trees, making it hard for necessary sunlight to get through. It's currently growing in more than half of the states in the country and is often even sold in Home Depot!

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Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191



Peggy Christianson, FNP

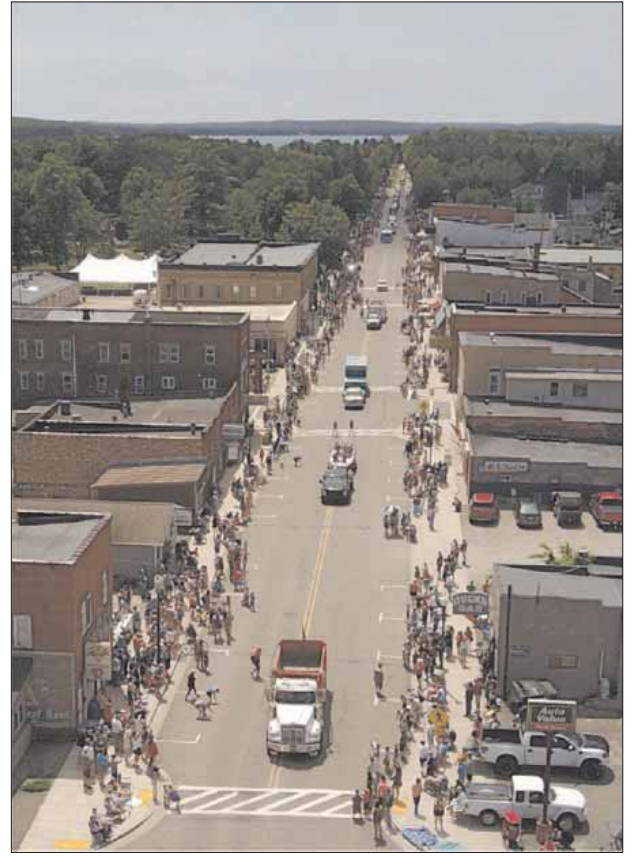
The speaker for the June meeting of the Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191 Peggy Christianson, FNP from the Bellin Health Clinic in Lakewood. Peggy Christianson provided information on questions and concerns of health issues of the AARP members. Among the many issues discussed was the concern about the Covid-19 Pandemic which resulted in many questions.

The June Brat Fry at Lakewood Supervalu was well attended and a good source of income to the AARP group. Members signed up for the July 22 Brat Fry at the Supervalu. The Fall outing will be at Randy's Place in Suring on September 20, 2022.

AARP meetings are social and informative. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact Janice Tetzlaff-, membership Chairman, at 920-323-6734 for information. Submitted by Richard J. Culver, Public Relations Chairman

Crandon's 4th of July Parade from the air

Andy Wienser, from Knott Lane on Lake Lucerne used his drone to take this great photo of Crandon's 4th of July parade.



Armstrong Creek Centennial Cont. from pg. 1



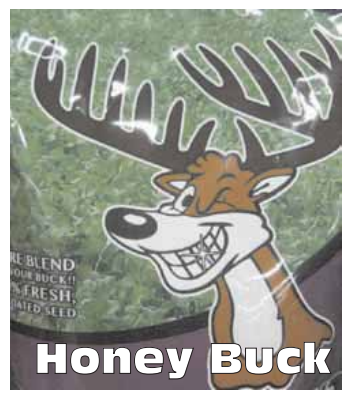
The historical display took everybody back to the earliest days of Armstrong Creek, and drew a crowd.



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This Beautiful highly sought after lake home w/150' of frontage features 4 bedrooms, fireplace, finished basement, Butternut paneling throughout home, 3-season porch, wrap around deck and blacktop drive! Property also includes a 2-car garage/workshop, gardening shed, permanent boat house & pier. Don't miss this opportunity of a lifetime!

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CANCELLED
 Due to illness in the cast the Wabeno Players presentation of **Nunsense** is cancelled. Will be held at a later date

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Crandon American Legion Baseball
 The American Legion Baseball Team will host Menominee at the Crandon High School at 6 p.m. on July 13th. This game will be Veteran's Night. A program will be held before the game at 5:45. Veterans are asked to be at the field by 5:30 in uniform.
 On Thursday, July 14th, Crandon will host Tomahawk. This is Youth Night. The youth are asked to wear their baseball jerseys or favorite team jersey. Youth are asked to be at the field by 5:30.
 On Sunday, July 17th, Crandon will host Minocqua at 6:00 p.m.

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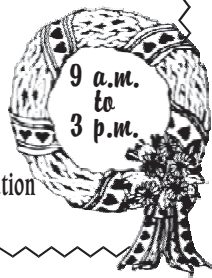
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Music in the Park - Elcho
 Concerts are held on Wednesday evenings at the Community Pavilion in Elcho. The music starts at 6:00 p.m.
The July 13 band is G & B Dance Band



Crandon Museum Cont. from pg. 1
 an old wagon and a sleigh. They have plans to create new displays in this building and will be moving some of their larger items such as farm implements and other tools out there in the near future.
 They've also done some redecorating and now have a cozy kitchen with the look of the 1930's. It might make you start thinking about baking some bread or whipping up a peach cobbler. It's a sweet reminder of days gone by.
 So put them on your schedule for a visit. They are open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. And they can always use some help. Even if you just have an hour or two there is always something that needs to be done. They would be most grateful to include you in our efforts. Preserving local history is a gift we give to our community and to those who come after us. Important work indeed.

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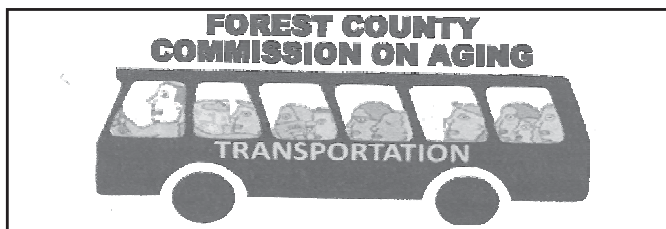
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Forest County to Iron Mountain: Arrive about 10 a.m. Walmart plus any reasonable suggestions. Will stop for lunch.

Tuesday, July 12: Rhinelander

Thursday, July 14: No Route

Tuesday, July 19: Iron Mountain

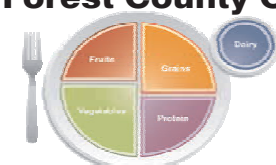
Thursday, July 21: Rhinelander

Tuesday, July 26: Antigo

Thursday, July 28: No Route

Destinations may change based on rider's needs or wishes. Call at least the day before riding.

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS



CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - July 11 - Cabbage Roll w/ tomato sauce, country trio veggie blend, rye bread, applesauce spice cake

Monday - July 18 - Paprika chicken, baby red potatoes, romaine salad, dressing, raisin bread, vanilla yogurt & berries

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - July 12 - Hamburger, grilled onions, ketchup, potato salad, baked beans fig newtons

Tuesday - July 19 - salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, whole wheat bread, honey bee ambrosia

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Wednesday - July 13 - Chicken breast, mushroom & bacon sauce, wild rice blend, cold pickled beets, biscuit, banana.

Wednesday - July 20 - Hot dog on a bun w/ onions, ketchup, dill carrots, potato salad, mandarin oranges, cookie.

WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED

Thursday - July 14 - Crab Pasta Salad over romaine salad, tomato wedges, dinner roll, peaches, lemon bar

Thursday - July 21 - Boneless BBQ Pork ribs, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, grapes.

ALVIN
Thursday - July 14 - Crab Pasta Salad over romaine salad, tomato wedges, dinner roll, peaches, lemon bar

Thursday - July 21 - Boneless BBQ Pork ribs, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, grapes.

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

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

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

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The Crandon High School Athletic Hall of Fame Organizing Committee has reviewed many nominations and selected its 2022 Class of Inductees. As with the first class of inductees in 2021, the committee tried to reach back into the past to select some of its inductees. They have found that it is difficult to compile information about these outstanding athletes of the past, but realize that the job won't get any easier if they wait longer. Therefore they have not chosen some of the more recent outstanding athletes, but their time will come. The 2022 Inductees are:

LYLE JACKSON (Class of 1929) - Lyle was an 8 letter winner back when there were only two sports sponsored by Crandon High School, Football and Basketball. Reports were that Lyle was one of the most outstanding athletes of the area in his time. He later became a tremendous Cardinal booster who supported CHS athletics throughout his lifetime. He hardly ever missed a home game in football, basketball, or baseball. He also provided strong support for athletics as a member of the Crandon School Board from 1964 through 1975. Lyle passed away on May 7, 2003.

RAY CHARTRAW (Class of 1938) - Ray also lettered all 4 years in the only two sports of Football and Basketball. He led the football team his senior year to a 5 wins and 1 loss record, which appears to be the best record CHS had up to then. He then led the Cardinals to a first ever undefeated basketball season with 16 wins and 0 losses. He was the leading scorer and team captain. After graduating from CHS, Ray moved on to what is now University of Wisconsin

- Stout in Menominee, WI, where he played basketball all 4 years in college. He stayed in that area after college and passed away in 1988.

HAROLD NICKEL - Mr. Nickel did not graduate from Crandon High School, but was a teacher, coach, and superintendent. He came to CHS in 1962 as a teacher and football coach. His coaching career was fairly short (Football 1962-65, Track 1965-67, and Golf 1966-67), as he

became the District Administrator of the Crandon School District in 1968. His tenure as Administrator left a significant imprint on the athletic programs of the district. He supported efforts to provide new facilities for the increasing number of sports at CHS. Among his favorite projects was resurfacing the football field, adding lights for night games, new bleachers, and a large electric scoreboard; and then making sure the baseball team had a field at the same site. After improving the facilities, he was also instrumental in hiring several coaches who either turned old programs around, or started new programs. Mr. Nickel graduated from New Holstein High School, earned his Bachelor of Science from Northwestern University in 1956, and a Master's Degree from University of Wisconsin-Superior in 1963. He passed away on May 11, 2005.

MARK COOK (Class of 1971) - Mark played football, basketball, and baseball in his high school career at CHS, but his accomplishments in basketball are what separate him from many other former CHS athletes. He was the leading scorer on outstanding teams that won conference championships in 1970 & 1971, and advanced to sectional play each year. Mark is currently the second all-time scorer in Crandon boys basketball with 1,127 points scored in 63 games; an average of 17.9 points per game, with a high point game of 40 points, which also ranks among the highest individual scoring games in school records. He was All-Conference in both 1970 and 1971, and was named to the Channel 7 All-Star Team after his senior season. Mark is a retired firefighter living in the Milwaukee area.

MAX INGRAM (Class of 1975) - Max was a freshman on Crandon's very first wrestling team and wrestled in the 98 pound class, even though he only weighed 71 pounds at that time. His sophomore year he became Crandon's first wrestling Conference Champion. He was a member of Crandon's first Northern Lakes Conference Wrestling Championship Wrestling Team in 1972-73. He repeated as Conference Champion as a senior, when he also won the WIAA Regional Championship when there were no divisions and all schools in the state competed in the same tournament. Max resides in Crandon and is an Insurance Broker for Shuppler & Associates in Rhinelander.

TOM DEHART (Class of 1976) - A multi-sport athlete who accumulated 10 letters in 4 different sports (Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track). In 1976, Tom was the basketball team's Most Valuable Player, won the Free Throw Award, was All-Conference, and was named to the 1st Team of the Wisconsin Press Association's All-State Team. He currently ranks 13th all-time in scoring at CHS with 906 points in 58 games for an average of 15.6 points per game. His 39 point game also ranks among the school's highest individual games. Tom played on NorthernLakes Conference Championship Baseball Teams in 1975 and 1976. In 1976, he led the team in Batting Average, Stolen Bases, and Strike-outs by a Pitcher. During the Spring of 1976, Tom also ran, when possible, with the Track Team, where he was part of a 440 Yard Relay Championship Team. Tom has retired as a teacher in the School District of Crandon after 31 years. He also coached for several years at CHS; Assistant Football - 8 years, Baseball - 5 years, Girls Basketball - 3 years, and Boys Basketball - 3 years. His Boys Basketball Teams reached the Regional Finals twice. He still resides in Crandon.

TRACY WHITT GINTER (Class of 1988) - Tracy played Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball all 4 years of High School, but made her mark as an outstanding Volleyball player. She earned All-Conference mention in 1986 and was First Team All-Conference in 1987, when CHS won the Northern Lakes Conference Championship. The team also won the WIAA Regional Championship and finished second in the Sectional Tournament that year. She went on to play Volleyball at Ripon College. Tracy also left her mark in Girls' Basketball and Softball at CHS; as she was named to both All-Conference Teams after her senior seasons. In Basketball, she is still ranked 10th all-time in scoring at CHS with 732 points in

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83 games, an average of 13.2 points per game, with a high game of 24 points. Tracy is presently serving as an Elementary School Principal in the Wisconsin Rapids School System.

RONICA ANDERSON (Class of 1989) - Ronica earned 9 letters in Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. She also played on the 1987 Northern Lakes Conference and WIAA Regional Championship Volleyball team that finished second in the Sectional. It was in Basketball, though, where she earned back-to-back Northern Lakes Conference All-Conference First Team selections in 1988 & 1989. She currently ranks 15th all-time in scoring at CHS with 635 points in 80 games for an average of 13.8 points per game. Her single game with 28 points still ranks among the tops in the CHS record books.

The Inductees will first be recognized at this summer's Crandon Area Booster Club Hacker Golf Tournament on August 6, 2022 at the Nicolet Country Club. A formal presentation of the inductees will be at halftime of the Crandon Cardinal football game on Friday, October 14, 2022.

The Hall of Fame Committee is still working on details for the Induction Banquet to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022. That information will be released as soon as the details are finalized. The Committee is looking forward to another very successful event to follow-up last year's rousing success.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letter 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.

Wisconsin's Diverse Outdoor Opportunities by Rep. Mursau (R-Crivitz)

Kids are out of school and summer is finally here! If you're anything like me, the next few months will be spent with family enjoying all of the outdoor opportunities available in Wisconsin during the summer!

As Chair of the Assembly Committee on Forestry, Parks, and Outdoor Recreation and a member of the Assembly Tourism Committee, I fully appreciate how lucky we are to be surrounded by so much beauty. With countless miles of trails for hiking and biking across the state, wineries and coastal towns along Lake Michigan, scenic overlooks at our state parks and thousands of lakes and rivers, Wisconsin has no shortage of activities for residents and visitors to enjoy. That's why the Legislature invested in tourism by directing additional funds into marketing our state and strengthening our outdoor recreation industry.

In the 2021-23 biennial budget, Republicans provided over \$1.5 million for marketing Wisconsin as a travel destination to other states and within our state. These funds will help research and plan marketing to encourage residents from Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, and Missouri to travel into Wisconsin and contribute more to the existing \$21 billion tourism industry in our state. This investment will go a long way in telling residents from Wisconsin and other Midwestern states about all of the diverse opportunities we have to offer.

We also recognized the importance of Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry by re-authorizing the Office of Outdoor Recreation. These funds will ensure it can continue connecting businesses within the industry and promoting Wisconsin's outdoor recreational opportunities. As one of the top states in the nation for outdoor-recreation manufacturing, the partnerships being created through this Office are able to strengthen an industry that contributes nearly \$8 billion to Wisconsin's economy and provides thousands of jobs in our state.

I am proud of the investments the Legislature made this session that will ensure our state continues to grow as a tourist destination for visitors and residents. This summer is great time for families to enjoy the natural beauty of our state; and the resources that we've provided will help the tourism industry continue expanding and assist residents and visitors to find the countless activities available in Wisconsin this summer!

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Luella Jean (Sipe) Moravec, age 90, of Wabeno WI passed away Sunday, June 5, 2022, at NuRoc Nursing Home with her son, Bruce; daughter, Bonnie; and granddaughter, Sammy, by her side.

Luella was born February 25, 1932, in Baraga Michigan to Joseph and Dora (Wetheralt) Sipe. Luella was the youngest of 12 children. Her parents both passed away when she was very young and was raised in an orphanage in upper Michigan. She met the love of her life in Shiocton, WI when on a trip with a girlfriend from Michigan. They were married on October 27, 1951, in Neenah, WI. Together they shared 61 years of marriage. They moved to Wabeno in 1965 where they raised their seven children.

Luella was a unique person who had many things she loved to do. She loved to dance at all her children and grandchildren's weddings sometimes she would dance so much her legs would ache for days afterwards. She also loved to play any type of card game and enjoyed when her children and grandchildren came for a visit that meant playing cards. She was an avid reader for many years. She enjoyed putting puzzles together and then framing the puzzle and gifting it to one of her children.

Surviving her are sons, Raymond (Lisa) Moravec of Kenosha, Jerry Moravec of Kenosha, Bruce Moravec of Wabeno and Dale Moravec of Wabeno; and daughter, Bonnie (Jack) Simpson of Mukwonago. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray; sons, William (Bill) and Dan Moravec; siblings, Florence, Olive, Archie, Ada, Alice, twins Viola and Violet, Doris, Lloyd, Joe, and Etta Mae; and grandchildren, Dave and Katie Moravec.

A celebration of life will be held at the Wabeno Town Hall on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from noon to 5 p.m.



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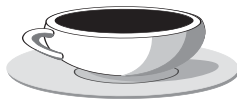
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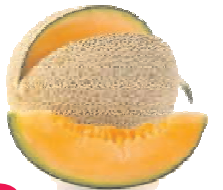
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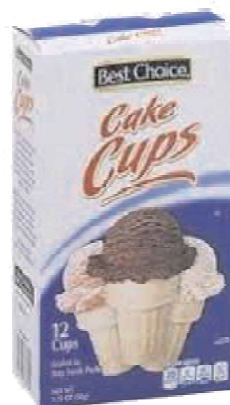
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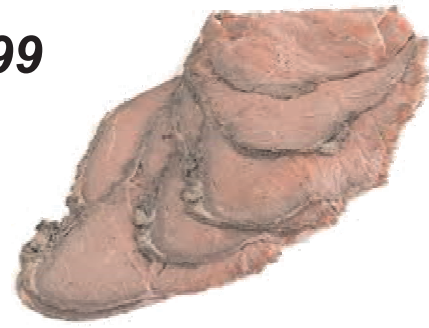
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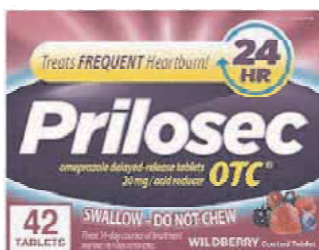
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PLAYER TEAM YEAR
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Marissa Wilson Crandon 10
Morgan Wilson Crandon 10
Kassidee Linssen Laona / Wabeno 11
Natalie Newton Laona / Wabeno 12
Kara Sowinski Three Lakes / Phelps 12
Karlee Weavers Three Lakes / Phelps 11
Kaylie Grasse Three Lakes / Phelps 10
Sophia Nafziger Three Lakes / Phelps 9
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PLAYER TEAM YEAR
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Taylor Karcz Crandon 9
Adam Seeber Laona / Wabeno 11
Adisun Romprey Laona / Wabeno 11
Jesse Prasser Laona / Wabeno 12
Ashton Maney Three Lakes / Phelps 12
Connor Hanneman Three Lakes / Phelps 10
Jason Berube Three Lakes / Phelps 12
Sam Eppler Three Lakes / Phelps 10
Toby Volkmann Three Lakes / Phelps 10

Northern Lakes Conference Golf 2022

Conference Champions: Laona/Wabeno Rebels
Golfer of the Year: Ryan Simonis, Laona/Wabeno Rebels

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS
FIRST TEAM
PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Ryan Simonis Laona/Wabeno 12
Reed Christianson Laona/Wabeno 12
Tyler Sprink Crandon 12
Ian Mouw Three Lakes/Phelps 10
Devin Headson Crandon 11

SECOND TEAM
PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Peyton Krause Crandon 11
Wyatt Simons Three Lakes/Phelps 11
Owen Seeber Laona/Wabeno 11
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Northern Lakes Conference Baseball 2022

Co-Conference Champions: Florence Bobcats / Three Lakes-Phelps Bluejays
Coach of the Year: Kris Johnson - Florence
Player of the Year: Evan Johnson - Florence

ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS
FIRST TEAM
PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Caden Palubicki Crandon 10
Curtis Paschen Crandon 12
Mason Mullins Crandon 11
Evan Johnson Florence 11
Trent McLain Florence 9
Ryan Erickson Goodman/Pembin 11
Braden Brauer Laona/Wabeno 11
Chase Melton Three Lakes/Phelps 11
Cole Melton Three Lakes/Phelps 12
LJ Terlizzi Three Lakes/Phelps 10
*bold denotes unanimous vote

SECOND TEAM
PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Cole Shepherd Crandon 11
Evan Schmidt Elcho 11
Tyler Novak Florence 12
William Kelley Florence 10
Ely Marcy Goodman/Pembin 12
Ryan Ehlert Goodman/Pembin 10
Connor Taylor Laona/Wabeno 12
Jared Kaufman Three Lakes/Phelps 10

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PLAYER TEAM YEAR
Cole Sweig Florence 12
Kevin Strietzel Goodman/Pembin 12
Brady Shepard Laona/Wabeno 10
Frank Shepard Laona/Wabeno 12
Caden Wolosek Three Lakes/Phelps 11
Sawyer Siedschlag Three Lakes/Phelps 12

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Many sources suggest spraying herbicides to get rid of the vine, but there is a greener alternative—dousing the plant with white vinegar. **GARLIC MUSTARD** This delicately flowered plant is an edible invasive. Garlic mustard originally comes from Europe and is found in many countries, but it should not be welcome here. It grows like crazy, and by the time of year native plants are ready to grow in their intended environments, the garlic mustard has already gotten so big that it blocks out the sun. It also draws away soil moisture and nutrients.



The best way to rid an ecosystem of garlic mustard is to rip it out at the roots. It's best to try to identify it before it flowers and spreads seeds into the surrounding ecosystem.

KUDZU Like the English Ivy, this plant takes over its environment. Kudzu swallows entire trees and even buildings. It's native to Asian countries like India and Japan, but is swallowing the American South. It's found primarily across the East Coast and up into New England, and is now officially in 30 states.



Kudzu has been a useful fodder crop for livestock, and is even ornamental... but it literally chokes out native plants. Because it creeps over everything, it stops sunlight from reaching native plants and trees for so long they eventually die.

There are several recommended methods to get rid of this plant, including using herbicides, having goats chew away at it, and just ripping it out of the dirt.

Fortunately for Northern Wisconsin, most of the invasives I listed aren't here...yet! If you spot some of these or other invasives, please let us know. Forest County Land & Water is certified to apply herbicides to prevent the spread of invasives. We also work closely with the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC). They have a Strike Team that will spray herbicides or hand pull to eliminate invasives.

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Milk supplies for the 2022-2023 school year

Milk is to be delivered (1% & Fat Free Chocolate) in one-half pint cartons (approximately 110,000) per year for student use, in one-half gallon cartons (approximately 200 per year) for kitchen use, and chocolate 1% milk in one-half pint cartons (approximately 20,000 per year) for student use. If a price adjustment is expected, please include an adjustment clause in the quote. Any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Swearingen at 715.473.5105. Please mark envelope "**Milk Quote**".

Snow Removal for the 2022-2023 school year

The School District of Wabeno Area is requesting sealed quotes on snow removal. Please quote costs to remove snow from all parking areas, bus garage, and elementary playground on a per plow basis. There are also timeline requirements so these areas are plowed prior to staff and students arriving at school. Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern 715.889.0607. Please mark envelope "**Snow Removal Quote**".

Fuel for buses for 2022-2023 school year

Gasoline – Approximately 5,000 gallons conventional no-lead w/o Ethanol
Diesel fuel – Approximately 10,000 gallons #2 w/winter blend as needed

The above must be delivered in bulk, on a keep full basis, to the School District's tanks in Wabeno. If a price adjustment is expected, the vendor should include an adjustment clause in the quote. Please submit the quote on a per gallon basis, less federal tax, based on prices on July 18, 2022, and include your price sheets for that date. Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern 715.889.0607.

Please mark envelope "**Gas & Diesel Quote**".

Propane for 2022-2023 school year

Approximately 6,500 gallons needed per year to be delivered between September 1, 2022 and August 30, 2023.

The above must be delivered on a keep full basis (approx. every 3 weeks) to the School District's 1,000 gallon propane tank in Wabeno. If a price adjustment is expected, the vendor should include an adjustment clause in the quote. Please submit the quote on a per gallon basis, less federal tax, based on prices on July 18, 2022, and include your price sheets for that date. Any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Mattern 715.889.0607. Please mark envelope "**Propane Quote**".

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A link will be provided on the Laona and Wabeno school Facebook pages for the Code of Conduct. Please be sure to check it out and submit the paperwork on-line.

- Volleyball grades 6-12 will meet in the auditorium
- Cross Country grades 6-12 will meet in the library.
- Football grades 6-12 will meet in the big gym.
- Football practice starts August 9, 2022
- JHFB begins August 10, 2022—WE STILL NEED A COACH
- Cross Country practice starts August 15, 2022
- Volleyball grades 9-12 will start in Laona and MS will start in Wabeno on Aug. 15

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- 7 - Accident(s)
- 9 - Animal Incident(s) (1 CITATION)
- 6 - Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
- 17 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
- 3 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drugs/K9 Deployment)
- 1 - Assist Other Agency
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- 1 - Civil Matter/Dispute(s)
- 1 - Criminal Damage to Property/Vandalism Incident(s)
- 3 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para. And/or Poss. (1 ARREST)
- 4 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s) (2 ARRESTS)
- 1 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
- 2 - Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
- 6 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
- 15 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
- 1 - Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)
- 3 - Liquor Law Violation(s) (1 CITATION)
- 1 - Loitering Complaint(s)
- 3 - Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
- 2 - Lost/Missing/Runaway Person(s)
- 2 - Ordinance Violation
- 2 - O.A.R. (2 ARRESTS / 2 CITATIONS)
- 5 - Probation/Parole Violation(s) (3 ARRESTS)
- 2 - Property Dispute Incident(s)
- 2 - Public Nuisance Complaint(s)
- 14 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
- 5 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
- 3 - Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
- 2 - Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
- 1 - Traffic Hazard/Obstruction Complaint(s)
- 1 - Trespassing Complaint(s)
- 2 - Unsecured Door/Window Incident(s)
- 1 - Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s)
- 1 - Window Tint Violation(s) (1 CITATION)
- 2 - Citations Issued re: Traffic-Related Matters
- 4 - Warning(s) to ATV/UTV Operator(s)/Passenger(s)
- 32 - Warning(s) to Drivers (re: Vehicle or Traffic Safety)

**Laona Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Monday, July 11, 2022 • 5:30 p.m.
Room 24, C.L. Robinson Elementary School**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Frank Shepard Jr.
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Public Forum (10 Minutes)
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Bills and Claims
 - B. Meeting Minutes
6. Items for Discussion and/or Action
 - A. Seclusion/Restraint Information
 - B. Hiring Update
 - C. Coaching Resignation
 - D. 2022-2023 Academic Standards
7. Informational Items:
 - A. Business Manager's Report
 - B. Middle/High School Principal's Report
 - C. District Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report
 - D. Board Member Reports
8. Enter Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee.
 - A. Personnel
9. Return to Open Session to possibly take action on items discussed in closed session.
10. Adjourn:

Notes: This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.
The agenda could be subject to last minute change(s).

5 Benefits of outdoor play for children

Throughout the past two years, children have undoubtedly missed the excitement of playing outdoors and socializing with their peers. Last year, at least one in seven children globally lived under stay-at-home policies, according to UNICEF. All-time classic toys such as dolls, building blocks and cars were the companions to many children, and now more than ever so were digital devices.

Being outdoors is an important part of a child's development and without proper exposure, can put a child's mental health and well-being at risk. The average American child spends about four to seven minutes a day playing outside and over seven hours a day in front of a screen. Spending time outdoors isn't just enjoyable, it's also necessary.

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, being outdoors promotes: **Social interactions and collaboration** – Playing outdoors can help children develop strong language skills, creativity, social intelligence, and confidence. **Physical health** - When children run, jump, climb, throw and kick balls, and ride toys that require balance, they build gross motor skills and start developing a habit of being active.

Higher attention spans and lower stress levels – A growing body of research is indicating that children who spend time in nature increase their ability to pay attention and have lower levels of stress and anxiety.

The ability to take appropriate risks – Its important children challenge themselves to do new and difficult things—pet a dog, climb some stairs, venture a little farther away from a caregiver and then return. Playing outside provides opportunities to run faster, climb higher, jump farther, and more—all under the watchful eye of a caring adult.

STEM skills - The outdoors is the perfect place for big (and messy) projects that support STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) skills, such as building, sand and water play, and investigations of the natural world.

"It is important for children to be outside and active. Some foundational social, motor, and cognitive skills are developed when children play outdoors." says Aspirus Pediatrician Paul Fischbuch, MD, from Aspirus Rhinelander Clinic-North Shore Drive and Aspirus Woodruff Clinic-Maple Street, located on the campus of Howard Young Medical Center. "It helps them learn how to solve problems, build relationships with others outside their family and gain a respect for nature"

It can be challenging to take young children outside. From naps to mealtimes, sunscreen to mittens, a trip outdoors might feel like a lot of work, but outdoor play is worth the time and effort.

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