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Paul Bunyan Riders Annual Snow Fun Day!



Paul Bunyan Riders Snowmobile Club will hold its annual Snow Fun Day on Saturday, January 28, 2023, inside Waubee Lake Lodge in Lakewood (lower level). The club will have meat and prize raffles from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., 50-50 raffles throughout the day. Food and beverages will be available. You must bring in your Poker Run books and pick your poker hand by 6 p.m. The \$10 and \$100 raffle ticket winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. (need not be present to win). For more information, send an email to paulbunyanriders@gmail.com or check out our Facebook page "Paul Bunyan Riders." Everyone is welcome; come by car, truck or snowmobile to help support the Paul Bunyan Riders club, local businesses and community overall!

DNR seeks comment for environmental review of City of Crandon Safe Drinking Water Loan Program project

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the City of Crandon is an applicant for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to address deficiencies in its public drinking water system. This project includes the replacement of water mains along East Glen Street, South Park Street and Polk Street in the City of Crandon to improve system hydraulics and reduce the risk of water main breaks.

Activities related to this project are minor actions under Chapter NR 150, Wis. Admin. Code, for which no environmental analysis is required; however, following the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program federal requirement 40 C.F.R. §35.3580, an environmental review must be conducted before funding this project.

The Safe Drinking Water Loan Program has determined that the project will not result in significant adverse environmental effects, and no further environmental review or analysis is needed before proceeding with funding the project.

The public is encouraged to submit comments regarding this decision and the potential environmental impacts of this project. Submit comments by Jan. 27, 2023 to:

Department of Natural Resources
C/O Kevin Olson, Community Financial Assistance, CF/2
101 S Webster St. P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707
Kevin.Olson@wisconsin.gov or 608-234-2238

Based on the comments received, the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the funding process. The analysis would summarize the DNR's consideration of the project's impacts and reasonable alternatives.

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.

In the last few years, you've probably heard about the public's concern for PFAS or the 'forever chemicals'. In 2020, I looked into the possible existence of PFAS in Forest County. I contacted the DNR and asked for records of papermill waste product spreading that was used for fertilizer on several farms in Forest County. I learned that the fertilizer wasn't a problem and wasn't distributed near any groundwater sources.

In 2022, the DNR offered free testing of municipal water systems in Wisconsin. Locally, the Wabeno Sanitary Board was first to get their water tested and found little or no trace of PFAS. The other municipalities soon followed. Laona Sanitary also reported little or no PFAS. As I write this, I don't have information for Crandon or our two tribal communities. The tribal communities have to report to the Environmental Protection Agency and not the State DNR.

I came across the following article from Grist, an online environmental and climate news source. I've included that article below.

In the face of continued legal action from states across the country, 3M, a Fortune 500 manufacturing company, will discontinue the use of "forever chemicals" by 2025.

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Crandon Lions Club Winterfest

The Crandon Lions Club will be holding their 39th Annual Winterfest on Saturday, January 21 from noon until its done at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort.

There will be meat raffles, plenty of good food and refreshments, with the raffle drawings beginning at 5 p.m.

The raffle tickets are \$20 per ticket, and the first prize is a whopping \$1,000. Even second place would make you happy at \$200. Third through fifth place pays \$100. Only 200 tickets will be sold, and you need not be present to win.



Jodi Resch Brownell selected to attend Alumni Thematic International Exchange Seminar

Crandon High School Spanish teacher Jodi Resch Brownell has been selected by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to attend the Alumni Thematic International Exchange Seminar (TIES) on "Rural Engagement in Global Affairs" in Birmingham, Alabama. There were 40 participants chosen from State Department Exchange Alumni representing a variety of career fields and backgrounds who are working on issues related to rural engagement in global affairs.

During the seminar, participants will share the social problems in their communities and strategize ways to increase global engagement for rural Americans. Seminar topics will include learning about methods to increase the visibility of U.S. rural businesses in global markets, sharing challenges and barriers experienced with rural engagement, discovering connections between U.S. and international rural communities, and discussing pathways to international exchange opportunities for rural Americans and first-generation college students.

News from the Forest County Health Department

Hello from the Forest County Health Department! We have some new news for everyone. We now have a new public health director and a new registered nurse.

The new director is Amy Gatton who started on 12/19/2022: "Hi, my name is Amy Gatton. I grew up in Crandon and have been a nurse for 23 years. My nursing experience includes acute and long-term care, education, hospice and public health. I am married to Mark and have one daughter who is getting married in February! I am happy to be back working in my home town."

The new registered nurse is Michelle Palubicki, who started on 1/2/2023: "Hi, my name is Michelle Palubicki. I recently moved to this area from Seymour, WI. My husband works for WPS in Wabeno. We have 3 kids- Our oldest son just got married, another son is in the Army stationed at Fort Bragg (82nd Airborne) and our youngest graduated last year and is in the work force. I have been in Nursing for almost 25 years and have experience in clinic, hospital, oncology and acute care. My last job (16 years) was as a director in an assisted living facility. I am learning a lot and really enjoy my new role as a staff nurse for the county. I am looking forward to meeting folks in the communities of Forest County. I love the snow, as we like to snowmobile.... driving in it- not so much"

With the increase in staff, we are going to try to do increase health-related activities in the county. See some of our activities listed below:

- January is Radon Month and we have Radon test kits available for \$8.00.
- Call or stop by to find out about our WIC program, which provides healthy foods and education to pregnant/breastfeeding women and children under five years of age.
- Stop in to fill out a survey for our county health assessment and enter our drawing for a \$25.00 gift card.
- We still have flu vaccinations available for children and adults. The cost for adults is \$35.00 or paid through insurance and are free for children. Please call for an appointment.
- We are busy getting ready for American Heart Month in

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Lakewood Library gets \$20,000 grant from Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation (GGBCF) has announced its second \$20,000 grant to Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood (LCPL). The latest grant will be used to establish and furnish a new Teen Zone. This grant, along with a previous one that funded a designated Children's Librarian, is from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, a funding collaborative that includes funds from the U.S. Venture Open Fund for Basic Needs, the J. J. Keller Foundation, and other community donors.

Deb Markusen, LCPF Library Board Trustee representing Doty, gratefully accepted the check on behalf of parents who have been asking for more library services geared to the unique needs of older kids. "We want to express our deep appreciation to the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation for giving us the funding that will pay great dividends in the lives of our youth now and far into the future. Their continuing support has been outstanding."

Library Director Katie Essermann agreed: "Lakewood Library plays an essential role in the lives of our patrons, particularly our most precious resource, our children. Unfortunately, there isn't much here in Northern Oconto County for older kids to do. We are already busy implementing a plan to temporarily repurpose library space to provide special programming for them. When our expansion is complete, they will have a safe, supervised area all their own."

Lakewood Trustee Lori Repinski concurred: "This grant dovetails nicely with the first GGBCF grant that enabled the addition of a dedicated Children's Librarian. That initiative has been very successful. When the Board discussed the idea of also providing more appropriate services for older kids, we wholeheartedly supported the proposal, provided we got outside funding for it. We are thrilled that GGBCF has helped us make the Teen Zone happen."

Those wanting to contribute to the new Teen Zone or the Building Fund may drop off donations at the library or send them to Lakewood Library, 15235 State Hwy 32, Box 220, Lakewood, WI 54138. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

Laona State Bank donates to Lakes Country Library



Laona State Bank Vice President Andy School (L) and Bank Board member Tom Haverstein (R) visited Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood recently to present a \$2500 check for the library's building and expansion project. Assistant Lenore Younkle accepted the donation on behalf of the Library.

Local family donates books to Lakes Country Public Library



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Supporting a fellow employee

When you go in Schaefer's IGA on Fridays, you will see the store workers wearing these t-shirts. They are showing support for Bridget Lykins, a fellow employee who is in a fight with cancer. The shirt reads: "Her fight is our fight." It is a great sign of friendship!

Local family donates books to Lakes Country Public Library Continued from page 1

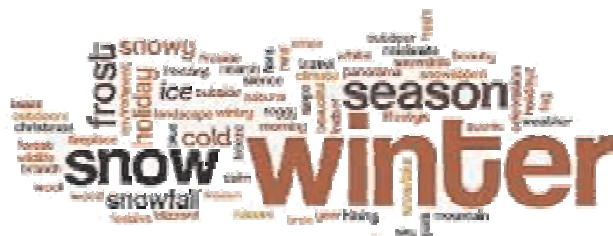
To help raise awareness about the eleven Native American tribal groups that call Wisconsin home, Mountain residents Ted Hughes and Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes have donated books to the Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood. Their contribution was made to honor the memory of their daughter and sibling, Autumn Grace Hughes, who died in a tragic car accident. "Grace was only two at the time, but she was already a lover of books and being read to," said Ted Hughes. "We want to bring that enthusiasm for learning via the printed word to other children."

The Hughes are consulting with library director Katie Essermann to help build a collection, keeping with the spirit of Wisconsin State Statute 31 which mandates teaching accurate information about Wisconsin tribes, their past, present, and future. Previously, Carol Lee and Ted helped Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in purchasing books and other learning materials. After retiring in Mountain, they decided to continue to bring their quest to make relevant learning materials about Native Americans more readily accessible.

Saffioti-Hughes: "These books are available for parents and other adult readers, children, and young adults. They have often been written by tribal members and are grouped by grade level so that appropriate choices can be made. In addition, teachers may find that some of these books, though not readily available with tight school budgets, can be used in the classroom."

For more information or how contribute to this effort, contact LCPL Director Katie Esserman (lakescountrylibrary.org) or visit wisconsinfirstnations.org. Wisconsin Public Television and representatives of the

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction have worked closely with tribal educators to make the website available for the public to learn more about tribal histories and their members' contributions to the modern world.



Emma Jean Ison born on January 4, 2023



Zach and Jeanine Ison announce the birth of their first child, daughter Emma Jean Ison, born at 8:48 am on January 4th at the Aspirus Langlade Hospital.

Emma weighed 7 pounds, 7.8 ounces, and was 19" long.

Proud grandparents are Jeff and Lorna Fisher of Tomahawk, and Ben and Karin Ison of Crandon.

Coach John Wooden's favorite maxims

- Happiness begins where selfishness ends.
- Discipline yourself and others won't need to.
- If I am through learning, I am through.
- Tell the truth. That way you won't have to remember a story.
- Don't let making a living prevent you from making a life.
- The best thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.
- Do not permit what you cannot do to interfere with what you can do.
- Be slow to criticize and quick to comment.
- The time to make friends is before you need them.
- Treat all people with dignity and respect.
- Acquire peace of mind by making the effort to become the best of which you are capable.
- Make each day your masterpiece...and always remember....

Success is peace of mind obtained only through self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to do the best of which you're capable!



AREA EVENTS

Crandon Public Library Storytime

The Crandon Public Library Storytime. Storytime is for ages 0 to pre-school, and is held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level of the library.

Valentines for Vets

The Wabeno Area Elementary School is working on a special project to send Valentines to Veterans. If you are a veteran or know of any veterans, please contact the Wabeno Area Elementary School 715.473.3633, ext.1205 to leave the veteran's name and address. Or, if you prefer, write it down and send it in with a student or mail it to us at PO Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. We would like the names and addresses of all veterans that would like to receive valentines by Friday, January 27, 2023.



Last month the members of Mike Pomasl's family came together to present Pickerel Rescue with a customized 2023 Polaris UTV and trailer. The purpose is designed for accessing and transporting an injured person out of remote or difficult to access areas. The Mike Pomasl Memorial Golf outing raised over \$53,000 last summer to purchase this customized rescue vehicle. Its service is dedicated in "loving memory of Michael Pomasl."

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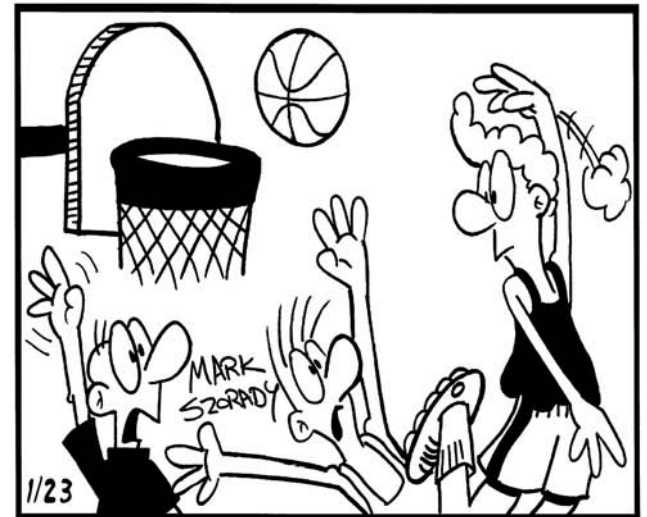


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Warm for Winter give-away Saturday, January 28

Another Warm for Winter give-away is set for Saturday, January 28, 10 to noon at Friendly Village, 900 Boyce Drive in Rhinelander. A huge variety of clothing, bedding, coats, boots, and accessories are free for the taking, no questions asked and everyone is welcome.

For 14 years, the Warm for Winter program has successfully collected and distributed free warm items thanks to founders Gale Willcox and Jan Leschke.

It began small, with the two women gathering items, cleaning, organizing and repairing when necessary. "The idea was not only to help those in need, but to recycle good things and keep them out of the landfill," said Gale.

The response was overwhelming, and soon they had more donations, more volunteers to help, more customers and a permanent location at Friendly Village in Rhinelander. Now the two Rhinelander Women are turning over leadership to Carla Chropkowski and Darla and Jim Jansen.

Stepping up to take over the program wasn't a hard decision for the three, who have been helping out through the years along with many dozens of dedicated volunteers.

"We've always had a lot of help," explained Jan. "and donations from all over, not just locally. We feel Warm for Winter will be in good hands and continue to serve everyone."

This year, WFW has received help from local businesses that have enabled the program to purchase brand new items to give away, according to Jim. "We are grateful to the Chamber of Commerce, Northland Insurance and YMCA for their contributions," he said.

"We hope to get the word out that we have great new stuff to choose from."

A surprising variety of customers enjoy the monthly give-aways, including young families, residents stocking up on warm clothing for visitors from warmer climates, and teachers collecting a few hats and mittens for their students' use at recess. Happy customers are the pay-off for the Warm for Winter workers. "We love to see these items get new homes," said Darla. "We're also happy to accept contributions from anyone who wants to help out the program." For more information please call Darla at 608-345-7305.

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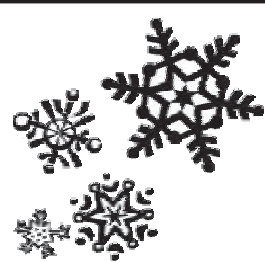
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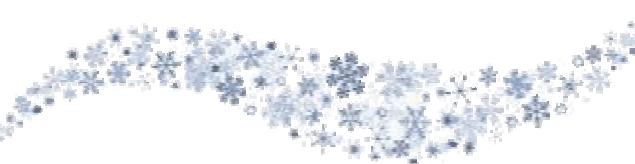
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TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, your signature AND a photocopy of your valid proof of identification (Photo ID).

MAKING AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL.

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M. ON THE FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023.

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk.

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**Wednesday, December 7, 2022
C.L. Robinson Elementary - Room 24**

President Chad Albrecht **Called the Regular Meeting to Order** at 5:30 PM. Present: Chad Albrecht, Samantha Hoffman, Frank Shepard Jr., Melissa McLaughlin, Hope Gilligan, Melissa Chrisman, Jason Bertrand, Tiffany Pakulski, and Katie Shepard take notes. There were five (5) guests in attendance. Notice has been posted in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84.

Frank Shepard Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Shepard to approve the amended **Agenda**, amended to add E. Discussion on Neola Policies. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM (10 minutes):

Mr. Bertrand stated that the board and administration did some great things last year for staff. He then addressed the staff members in attendance.

Shelly Chitko thanked the board for being approachable and welcoming to the staff. Great feeling as a staff member to feel that the board appreciates what they have to say.

Kathy Krawze thanked the board, there has been a lot of great things going on here and she stated that they are going in the right direction.

Mrs. Chrisman asked if the board saw the email with Mrs. Pakulski's video. She shared that the video shows all the great things that are happening here at Laona.

Consent Agenda - Open and Closed Regular Meeting Minutes dated Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

Purchase Orders from 11/05/22 - 12/05/22 - \$ 954.83

Disbursements & Wires from 11/1/22 - 11/30/22 - \$ 260,196.58

Cash Receipts from 11/1/22 - 11/30/22 - \$5,204.49

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

A discussion was held regarding **Virtual Fridays** with the staff members in attendance. This will be on next month's agenda.

Discussion held on District Sponsored College Visits.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the **Hiring** of Matt Popp and Katie Pintsch as the middle school girls basketball coaches. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the **Hiring** of Christy Statezny for a part-time daycare position. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion held on the Referendum. This will be added to the January agenda.

Motion by Hoffman, seconded by Gilligan to approve the **Neola Policy** changes for Policy 5430 Class Rank. All in favor, motion carried.

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 gave an update on the Daycare.

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

Melissa Chrisman submitted a written **Administrator/Elementary Principal's Report** that can be found on the school website under District, School Board, Board Agendas, Boarddocs link. Mrs. Chrisman added that the staff development day of training with the Forest County Sheriff's Department went well.

Board member Reports

The board stated that it was nice to see the students involved in community drives. The board also thanked the staff as a whole for coming to the board.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Shepard to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Motion carried with McLaughlin, Shepard, Gilligan, Hoffman, and Albrecht voting yes.

No action was taken after the closed session.

Motion by Shepard, seconded by Hoffman to **Adjourn** the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. (9:42 PM)

Nicolet College Foundation encourages future & current students to apply for scholarships

Anyone planning on attending Nicolet College during the 2023-2024 academic year is encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Nicolet College Foundation to help cover college costs.

"We've heard time and again from students how scholarships have been such a tremendous financial help for them to get the education they need to get ahead in life," said Heather Schallock, Nicolet vice president of Community Engagement and director of the Nicolet College Foundation.

"Every year we award hundreds of scholarships. Our donors want Nicolet students to receive this money, but first students need to fill out the scholarship application, which is fairly easy to complete."

The application period will run from Feb. 1 to Feb. 28 to cover costs from Fall Term 2023 through Summer Term 2024. The online application is available at nicoletcollege.academicworks.com.

Students seeking assistance filling out the application can contact the college's Academic Success department at (715) 365-4455 for help.

Scholarships range from \$250 to \$2,500. The funds are available for both new and returning Nicolet students to help pay for tuition and books.

Both part-time and full-time students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher are eligible to receive scholarships.

Scholarship recipient and University Transfer Liberal Arts student Mariah McCue said she was both grateful and inspired for the funds she received.

"Knowing that strangers are rooting for me and are willing to invest their time and money in me is the greatest motivator," McCue said.

Welding student Jocelyn Tilton said her scholarship eased the weight on shoulders as she wondered how she was going to pay for college.

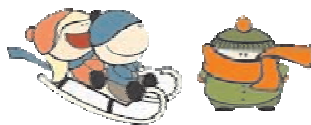
"The support you have put into me will help me spend less time worrying about how I am going to be able to pay to get to school," Tilton explained.

Schallock noted that the scholarships are available only because of the generosity of Foundation donors.

"They truly believe in the value of a Nicolet College

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Jan. 23-27**

Monday - No school
Tuesday - Pancakes, sausage patty, mandarin oranges, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Breakfast tacos, apple churros, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk
Thursday - Breakfast pizza, yogurt, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk
Friday - Cinnamon roll, banana, fruit juice, milk



**Wabeno School Lunch Menu
Jan. 23-27**

Monday - No school
Tuesday - Cheeseburger, chips, baked beans, peaches, garden bar, milk
Wednesday - Chicken patties, fries, mixed vegetables, grapes, garden bar, milk
Thursday - Spaghetti, meat sauce/marinara, breadstick, grapes, California blend, garden bar, milk
Friday - Assorted pizza, garlic breadstick, carrots, applesauce, garden bar, milk

education," she said. "They see how it can improve the lives of individuals and also benefit the communities in which graduates live and work."

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Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

3M makes Scotchgard and other water-repellent products which contain a class of chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, that do not break down in the environment. PFAS has been found in nearly every state in the country and in everything from polar bears to fast food wrappers. Research has shown a link between these chemicals and public health concerns such as high blood pressure in mid-life women, stunted developmental growth, infertility, as well as kidney, liver, and testicular cancers.

In a statement, the St. Paul-based company said the decision comes on the heels of an "evolving external landscape," which includes increased regulatory pressures. In the past year, the Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, released a PFAS Strategic Roadmap, which plans to create new policies to protect public health and the environment while holding polluters accountable. In addition to the increased federal pressure, 3M has been the target of various lawsuits directed at PFAS manufacturers.

California announced a lawsuit in November that alleges 3M, DuPont, and other PFAS producers have caused far-reaching damage to public health and the environment by dealing in products laced with "forever chemicals." The lawsuit is similar to a dozen others filed in states across the country. While the lawsuits are mounting, 3M's awareness of their production problem has been festering for decades.

As early as the 1970s, the manufacturing company knew that PFAS was accumulating in human bloodstreams. According to The Intercept, 3M was sued by its home state of Minnesota in 2010 and settled the suit for \$850 million, which led to a mountain of internal documents, memos, and research to be released by the state's Attorney General's Office, showing exactly what the company knew about the harm of the products it produced.

Minnesotans are still grappling with the potential health effects of PFAS, which has had devastating effects on the area's youth. According to the Minnesota Reformer,

A Study of children who died between 2003 and 2015 in Oakdale, a Twin Cities suburb, found that a child who died there was 171% more likely to have had cancer than a child who died in the surrounding area. The state of Minnesota alleges that PFAS made its way into the area's groundwater after decades of 3M discarding PFAS-contaminated waste products in unlined dump sites.

The EPA announced in November that PFAS pollution from 3M had caused an "imminent and substantial endangerment" of the drinking water for nearly 300,000 people in the Quad Cities region of Illinois and Iowa and ordered an investigation into 3M's role in the pollution.

In 2000, 3M pledged to stop the use of two specific strains of PFAS chemicals in their production process, but the company argued, in its recent announcement, that the continued use of PFAS was "critical" to make products necessary for modern life, such as medical technology, phones, and automobiles. Legal experts estimate future litigation could cost the company upwards of \$30 billion.

In the wake of the announcement, environmental groups say the decision is long overdue and hope that the company is still responsible for decades of inaction and harm to the public.

"This is a big win for public health and the environment," Mike Schade, a program director for the nonprofit Toxic-Free Future, told Grist. "3M historically has been one of the biggest PFAS polluters not only here in the US but globally, and for decades they have proceed and released massive amounts of PFAS that have contaminated communities, water supplies, fish and wildlife, all across the planet"

Schade said that this decision is part of a growing trend of major corporations abandoning PFAS in their manufacturing process. While the manufacturers are looking at a PFAS-free future, he noted that downstream businesses, like clothing companies that still trade in these chemicals, should stop the trail of toxic pollution. He said it's likely that more companies will be looking for PFAS alternatives and the EPA and industry regulators should remain vigilant that the

chemicals these companies replace PFAS with aren't bound to create the same harms already documented by the forever chemicals.

"In the years going forward, we're going to be seeing hundreds of communities that have to clean up toxic chemicals," Schade said, "and 3M must be held financially liable for that pollution."



Health Dept. Cont. from pg.1

February. Please stop in to the office for a free blood pressure screening and some heart health information.

County health officials have confirmed 15 individuals diagnosed with novel coronavirus infection (COVID-19) since January 1, 2023. There have been 0 deaths this year related to COVID-19. The Forest County Health Department encourages community members to get vaccinated, practice good hand hygiene, wear a mask when necessary, and stay alert for symptoms of COVID-19. If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact your health care provider and ask to be tested. If positive, please isolate for 5 days after symptom onset and wear a mask for 5 days following your release from isolation. A limited supply of free COVID-19 test kits are available at the Forest County Health Department. Please call 715-478-3371. Free at home COVID-19 tests are also available www.sayescovidhometest.org. You may call the Forest County Health Department to assist you in this process.

The Forest County Health Department will continue to update our Facebook page and local newspapers the first week of the month as capacity allows. Please call our office at 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

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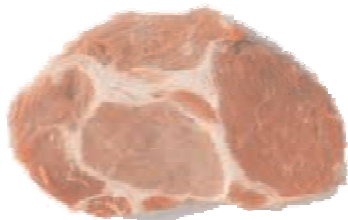
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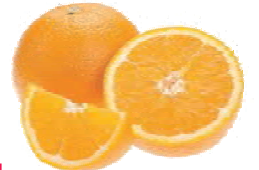
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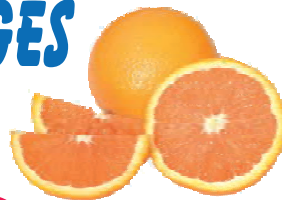
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Our mother, **Joyce J. Cummings**, age 86, of Neenah, received her angel wings on Friday, January 6, 2023, and our father, **Roger N. Cummings**, age 89, received his wings on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Theda Care Regional Medical Center in Neenah, surrounded by their loving family.

In March 2022, Joyce was diagnosed with lung cancer. In January, both parents were struck with a cold virus NOT COVID. Mom put up a good fight against Rudy (the name she gave her cancer). She didn't let Rudy beat her, but the virus did. The virus also beat dad along with a broken heart. We weren't ready for them to leave us, but God had other plans for them.

Joyce was born on January 21, 1936, the daughter of the late Edward and Hazel (Horn) Frakes Mc Glin. Roger was born on June 30, 1933, the son of the late Edward and Regina (Dewyer) Cummings.

After graduation, Roger hitchhiked down to Appleton to meet a friend. They were cruising down College Avenue when the friend stopped to talk to two girls he knew. Well, Roger was smitten with one of the girls. According to Dad, she was the same girl he spotted years ago chasing cows in a field while he was riding on the school bus. He was positive it was her. They were married on May 30, 1953. Their marriage was blessed with four children, two beautiful grandchildren and 3 precious great-grandchildren. They resided in Menasha before they retired to Crandon where they made wonderful friends. Then, a few years ago, they moved back to the valley.

Mom loved to bake, and she was known to go through 5 lbs. of sugar in a week. The freezer was stocked with baked goods for anyone to take home when they visited. She loved browsing through thrift shops and shopping on Amazon. She made many beautiful quilts that were gifted to family.

Dad was usually in his workshop. He loved making wood crafts that Mom would paint. He enjoyed the many hunting times with family until he couldn't anymore. Watching TV was his favorite pastime.

They both enjoyed going to the casinos, watching Packer and Badger games, and the boys and girls high school basketball tournaments. They enjoyed working in their yard and tending to their beautiful flowers. And they especially loved when the whole family gathered together. Almost every afternoon they would play a set of cribbage for money while having cocktails. We found their tally sheet. Don't worry, we won't tell anyone who owes over \$800 to the other it will be our secret.

Dad barely answered the phone so whenever one of the kids would call, Mom would answer with "you miss me?" She always ended with "love you." Her favorite saying was "you are going to miss me when I am gone." And you were right again Mom, we already do. We miss you both so much.

They are survived by 3 daughters: Barb (Mark) Gaab, Deb Cummings, and Sue Cummings (Jim Potthoff); two grandchildren: Andy Cummings and Mirrissa (Wyatt) Laxdal; 3 great grandchildren: Kinsley Cummings, Braelyn and Brynlee Laxdal; Joyce's sisters and brother: Pat (Larry) Schisel, Kathy (Gene) Laux, Mike (Marla) Mc Glin; sisters-in-law: Nancy Cummings, Dona Frakes, and Susie Thoe. They are further survived by numerous nieces and nephews, friends up north in Crandon and down in the valley.

In addition to their parents, they were preceded in death by their only son Ronald (6/11/2022), Joyce's brothers: Richard Frakes and Dennis McGlin, and her stepmother Vivian Frakes and stepfather Joe McGlin.

Roger's sisters and brothers: Dorothy (Gilbert) Kuntsman, Betty Cummings, Eleanor (Allen) Richter, Ray (Rose), John (Lois) and Glenn Cummings.

A funeral service will take place at noon on Tuesday, January 24th, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 829 Appleton Rd Menasha, WI 54952. Friends may visit at the church on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Interment will take place at Bovine Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of the ICU and 5th floor care team at ThedaCare. Also, Pastor Cherney, Pastor Raasch, and Pastor Schmitt. We will never forget the love and support from family and friends. Thank you we love you all!



DEATH NOTICES

Donna M. Anderson, age 81, of Townsend, passed away on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 with her family by her side. Donna was born on January 17, 1941 to the late Edward and Genevieve Czarnecki in South Milwaukee. She graduated from South Milwaukee High School.



On February 27, 1960, Donna married Charles Anderson at St. Adalbert's Church in South Milwaukee. The couple started their family in South Milwaukee before moving to Greenfield for 11 years.

They then moved to Townsend where the couple resided for the rest of their lives. Donna was a devoted homemaker for most of her life and enjoyed sewing dresses for her daughters when they were young. She enjoyed spending winters in Florida with Charles and traveling across the U.S. to visit their children. Donna was a current member of St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church in Lakewood and was very active in the church religious education program when her children were young.

Donna is survived by her husband, Charles; 5 children, Lori (Scott) Kunde, Brian (Alaina) Anderson, Lisa Sullivan, Linda Anderson, and Andrew (Pamela) Anderson; 9 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; sister, Sandra (John) Allison. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Tim; son-in-law, Ron Sullivan; brothers, Tom and Dennis.

Per Donna's wishes, no services will be held. Gruetzmacher Funeral Home in Suring is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be expressed at www.gruetzmacherfuneralhome.com.

Suzanne M. Wagner, 76, of Hiles died unexpectedly on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital.



Suzanne was born February 4, 1946 to Henry and Clara (Spusty) Sery in Milwaukee. For many years she worked as a waitress in Milwaukee. She married Stanley Wagner in Milwaukee. The couple shared many great years together.

She enjoyed spending time with Stanley at their home on Pine Lake where they made many memories while fishing and boating. She liked to shop, clip coupons, play cards, cook and collect gnomes.

She is survived by her husband and brother, Woodrow Sery.

She was preceded in death by her parents. Per Suzanne's wishes, no services will be held. Online condolences can be made by visiting www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

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Kevin Alan Jacobson," Lais", 48, of Pelican Lake, WI passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Wausau Hospital. Kevin was born August 15, 1974 in Rhinelander, the son of Gerald Jacobson and Virginia Menomin. He was married to Angela Lucero on June 13, 1997 in Kansas.



Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Angela Jacobson; daughters, Victoria Thunder of Appleton and Grace Thunder of Pelican Lake; sons, Kevin (Randi) Jacobson Jr. of Appleton and Trinton Menomin (Alana) of Green Bay; grandchildren, Adeline Franer, Layla McGeshick, Charlotte Menomin, Willard McGeshick, Ezra Ramirez and Veyda Menomin; sisters, Shelia Jacobson (Ed Cover) of Crandon and Nicole Jacobson of Crandon; brothers, Gerald (Tammy) Jacobson Jr. of Columbus; five nieces; two nephews; and one great-nephew.

Visitation began at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center. Services began at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center with Dylan Jennings and Chato Gonzales officiating. Burial followed at Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, (Stone Lake), Crandon.

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

Phillip Fred McCorkle Jr., 84 of Argonne, WI passed away peacefully at his home Wednesday, January 11, 2023 with his loving wife of 63 years and his family by his side.



Phillip was born August 26, 1938 to Phillip and Gladys (Mattson) McCorkle, in Crandon, WI. At a young age he and his family moved to Gary, IN. After graduating from Thomas A. Edison High School in 1957, he joined the United States Air Force where he honorably served from 1958 to 1964. On January 31, 1960 he married the love of his life, Jeanette (Harris) McCorkle.

Having a love for the Northwoods, he and Jeanette made their home in Argonne, WI where they raised their six children. He worked at Connor Forest Products in Laona, WI from 1964 to 1985. In 1985 he moved to New London, WI and worked for Simmons Juvenile Products until retirement in 2000.

After retirement Phil and Jeanette returned to their home in Argonne, where he enjoyed gardening, feeding birds, watching sports and most of all spending time with his family. He was a dedicated fan of the Green Bay Packers, Brewers, Cubs, and the Chicago Bulls.

Phil had a love for sports all of his life. Starting at young age and many years after he played baseball, basketball, and ran track.

Later in life he enjoyed bowling, horseshoes, a proud member of the American Legion, and playing pinochle with his friends that meant so much.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette McCorkle; children, David McCorkle, Kevin McCorkle, Todd McCorkle, Chris McCorkle, Rob McCorkle (Stacey) and Heather Cole (Ron); grandchildren; Christopher McCorkle (Alex), Dylan McCorkle (Libby), Cassidy McCorkle, Rylee McCorkle, Brady Cooper, Alexis McCorkle, Alayna McCorkle and Aleah McCorkle; siblings, Donald (Yolanda) McCorkle, William (Linda) McCorkle; special cousins, Danny and Alyce Papapetru; many great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends.

He was preceded in death by Phillip McCorkle Sr (father), Gladys McCorkle (mother), Duane and Barry McCorkle (brothers), Caroline McCorkle and Patricia Podowski (sisters), Joseph and Jeffrey McCorkle (infant sons), Katrina McCorkle (granddaughter) Dawn McCorkle (daughter-in-law), and Pepper (his dog that he loved so much).

Private family graveside service will be held at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery.

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Applications can be obtained from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us, District/Employment Opportunities/Employment Applications. Send the application along with 3 current reference letters to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane/ P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

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School District of Wabeno Area
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The School District of Wabeno Area, Title VI Indian Education Program, has an opening for a Tutor Facilitator for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond to provide math enrichment/intervention services to select Native American students. Days and hours worked will be 4 or 5 days per week, Monday through Friday, approximately 6 to 7.25 hours per day, for between 24 and 29.5 hours a week. Schedule to be determined at the time of hire.

Duties will include using a computer-based math intervention program with designated students, as needed and appropriate, to be determined by the District Math Interventionist & classroom teachers. Starting hourly wage will be between \$16 and \$18/hour depending on related education and/or experience. Life insurance, paid holidays, and retirement are available. Health and dental insurance are not available with this position.

The ideal candidate will have an Associate's Degree in any area or can demonstrate ability to assist students with use of a computerized math program and with math concepts. Native American preference applies as required by Title VI grant requirements. Questions regarding this position may be directed to Deb Kruger 715.27.7404

Applications are available from the District Office or at: www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/EmploymentOpportunities/EmploymentApplications. Send the application along with 3 current letters of reference to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

HELP WANTED
School District of Wabeno Area
Title VI Indian Education Program
Jr./Sr. High School Tutor Facilitator

The School District of Wabeno Area, Title VI Indian Education Act Program has an opening for a Tutor Facilitator for the 2022-23 school year and beyond to provide academic support to Native American students. Days and hours worked will be 4 or 5 days per week, Monday through Friday, approximately 6 to 7.25 hours per day, for between 24 and 29.5 hours a week. Schedule to be determined at the time of hire.

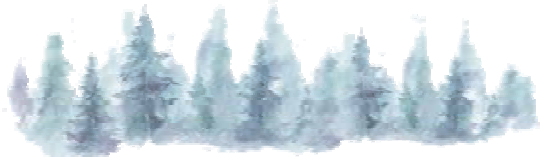
Duties include core academic grade monitoring, homework completion monitoring, homework assistance in English, math, science, social studies related courses, and test prep as needed/appropriate. Starting hourly wage will be \$16.00 to \$18.00/hour depending on related education and/or experience. Life insurance, paid holidays, and retirement are available. Health and dental insurance are not available with this position.

The ideal candidate will have an Associate's Degree in any area or can demonstrate ability to assist students with English, science, math and social studies subject area coursework. In addition, the applicant should enjoy working with adolescents in grades 6 through 12. Native American preference applies as required by Title VI grant requirements. Questions regarding this position may be directed to Deb Kruger 715.276.7404.

Applications are available from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us/District/EmploymentOpportunities/EmploymentApplications. Send an application along with 3 current letters of reference to Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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Cognitive decline linked to ultra-processed foods

Research Reveals Need for Healthy Changes in 2023

MILWAUKEE, WI, JAN. 4, 2023 For many Americans, ushering in the new year means developing a list of resolutions. Becoming a healthier eater is one of the resolutions most frequently seen at the top of the list, and for a very sound, evidence-based reason. Ultra-processed foods make up more than half of American's diets. Research presented at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in 2022 suggests that eating ultra-processed foods for more than 20% of your daily calorie intake every day could set you on the road to cognitive decline.

"Research continues to show that what we eat can impact our brain health as we age," said Kate Kahles, Program Manager, Alzheimer's Association. "At the same time, there has been an increase in the availability and consumption of fast, processed and ultra-processed foods. There are steps we can take to good care of our brain health, including a heart-healthy, balanced diet low in some of the ingredients often found in processed foods like saturated fat, refined grains, and sugar, and high in fiber, protein, and healthy fats, often found in vegetables and fruits."

Ultra-processed foods (UPFs) are foods that undergo significant industrial processes and contain large quantities of fats, sugar, salt, artificial flavors, colors, stabilizers, and preservatives. Examples include sodas, sugary breakfast cereals, white bread, potato chips, and frozen foods, such as, pizza, ice cream, hamburgers, and fries.

In the study, scientists at the University of São Paulo, examined the diets and cognitive function test results of more than 8,000 adults in Brazil over 8 years. Research found that people who consume the highest amount of UPF (more than 20% of daily caloric intake) have a 28% faster decline in global cognitive scores including memory, verbal fluency, and executive function.

"I'm not suggesting you have to skip those favorite Super Bowl snacks completely," Kahles said. "It's about balance and about adding in more fresh foods, and less of foods containing saturated fat, refined grains, and sugar, which ultimately will benefit brain health. There are a lot of practical ways to modify our diets. Maybe add a few more carrots to the snack table and a few less potato chips and cheese. It's a win-win for everyone."

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This cast was photographed at Woodman Hall, which is now gone. It was the only place to hold such an event. The high school didn't have a gymnasium yet, and wouldn't for quite some time. The Opera House was a big and magnificent place for such events, but it only lasted from 1908 until February of 1912 when it burned. So it was back to the small stage at Woodman Hall. Where they held plays wasn't as important as the fact that they did hold them, and long winter evenings were broken up by some good times.

This play, by the way, was *The Deacon's Second Wife*, and the player on the far right is John Schallock. Other players include Emma Kline, Walter Kline, Nona Mundt, Verna Ziehm, Hazel Kordick, Otto Mueller, Emma Wagner, Viola Frank, Hilbert Kline, George Jaeger, and Lucile Bartz.

For Old Times Sake



Crandon had train service by 1901, when the C&NW Railroad finally got here from Pelican Lake. The spur was put in so the Page & Landeck sawmill on Clear Lake could get its lumber to market. It was cause for celebration, but the love for the C&NW didn't last as prices were constantly rising. Another railroad was needed.

The Wisconsin Northern Line was put in from the Soo Line track west of Argonne, and was planned to eventually go to Neenah, giving Crandon another option for rail travel. The line wasn't completely until 1921, but in the meantime, you could get on a passenger train in Crandon, go to the Argonne connection, spend time in Leo Samz's living room until the Soo Line train arrived.

This picture was taken on January 6th of 1916, and passengers would still have been going to Argonne to switch trains. Most of you have been in this depot. It was moved to Pioneer Plaza by Jak Schaefer and turned into the current Gas Depot. And, these days, the old rail line is now a snowmobile trail.



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- Tuesday, Jan. 24:** Rhinelander
- Thursday, Jan. 26:** Iron Mountain
- Tuesday, Jan. 31:** Rhinelander

Thank You

Special thanks to God that there were great professionals who supported me at the Crandon Youth Basketball game. I thank God that Kathern Kincaid, Dan Bauer, Greg Patz, Sara Walitz, Kendra Wilson, Missy Torgerson and especially Erica Neilitz were there. We are so blessed to live in the north, where people show love, respect and support. All is well.

-Deward Ison

News of area college students

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DNR urges snowmobilers to watch for thin ice

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding snowmobilers to operate safely as current warming trends thin ice across the state and make certain areas extremely unsafe.

"With these unusually mild temps and International Snowmobile Safety Week coming up Jan. 14-22, we urge snowmobilers to be extra careful when driving on ice," said Lt. Jake Holsclaw, DNR Off-highway Vehicle Administrator. "Remember that no ice is ever completely safe, and that even areas that seem thick and covered with snow may be hiding patches of black ice that could break apart under the weight of the machine and riders."

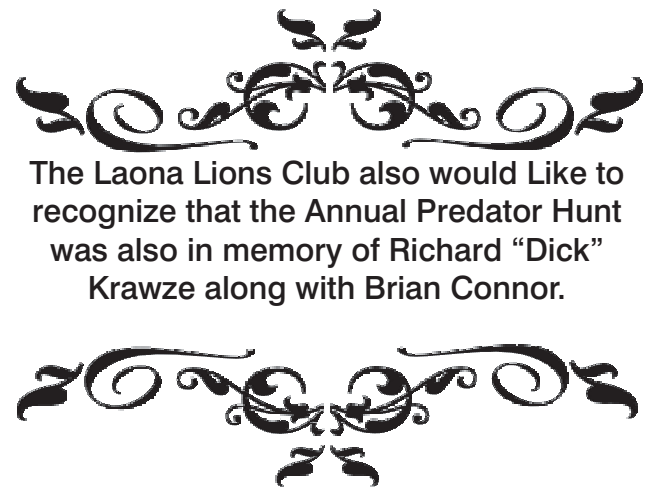
Ice Safety Reminders

- Contact local sport shops to ask about ice conditions locally on the lake or river you want to cross. Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or float coat should you fall through the ice and to help retain body heat.
- Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.
- Slow down when traveling at night.
- Know if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents that can thin the ice.
- Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water. There were 16 fatal snowmobile crashes in 2022.

Visit the DNR's snowmobiling webpage for additional information on snowmobile safety classes, regulations, safety tips and how to register your snowmobile.

DNR Violation Hotline

Anyone with information regarding natural resource violations, including unsafe snowmobile operation, may confidentially report by calling or texting the Violation Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR or 1-800-847-9367. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained staff relay the information to conservation wardens. Reports can also be filed online.



The Laona Lions Club also would like to recognize that the Annual Predator Hunt was also in memory of Richard "Dick" Krawze along with Brian Connor.



Thank You

I would like to say thank you to all who remembered my family during Skip's passing. Parkinson's is a long, devastating disease. 10 years ago I lost my husband, but Nov. 27th I lost my child, so I find it very hard to have a service right now. June 17th at St. Leonard's Church in Laon, at 11:00 will be a Mass and meal following to remember my husband. We hope that you will come.

Sincerely,

Carol, Skip Jr., Tamie and Tiffany Yaeger

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Tuesday - January 31 - Southwest chicken rice casserole, corn and black bean salad, sliced pears, banana cake

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

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Thursday - January 26 - Hamburger on a bun, orange slices, dark green leafy salad with tomato, baked beans, brownie

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

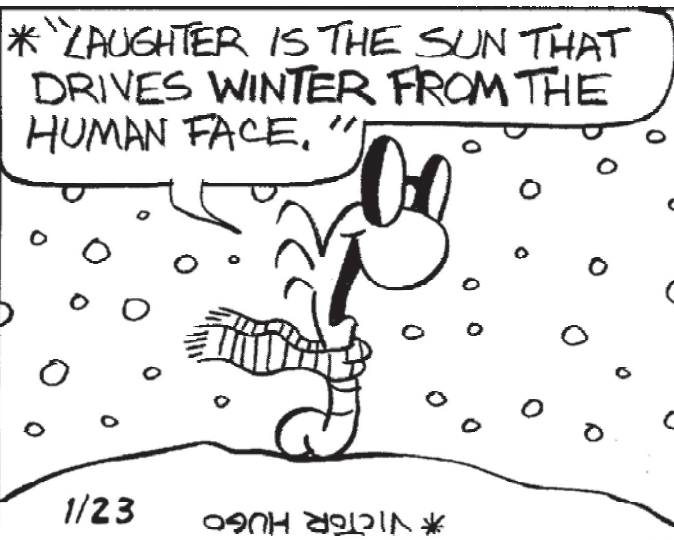
Crandon site is at 715-478-3040. Serving at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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

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

Wabeno site manager Linda McEwen at 715-889-0123 (cell). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Armstrong Creek site manager Sharon Giles at 715-674-3532 (home). Meal served at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.



Safety on the snowmobile trails

Snowmobiling is a thrilling activity enjoyed by over three million people in the United States, according to the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA).

January 14-22 is International Snowmobile Safety Week. This week, Aspirus Health aims to expose people to safe snowmobiling practices and to demonstrate how operating safely can prevent mishaps, especially those that require medical care.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported 115 non-fatal snowmobile crashes, 101 injuries in non-fatal crashes and 13 crash deaths, making snowmobile safety a significant public health issue. It is especially timely right now with respiratory viruses surging and stressing health care systems throughout the upper Midwest.

"People should be doing everything they can right now to keep themselves safe, healthy and out of the emergency room. That means taking all necessary precautions when they're out on the trails," says Jeffrey Wild, MD, Trauma Medical Director at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. "By practicing safe riding, major injuries associated with snowmobile accidents can hopefully be minimized."

Follow these eight tips from the DNR to ensure safety on the trails this year:

- Don't drink and ride.
- Stay on marked trails—riding off-trail or cutting corners is trespassing.
- Always wear your helmet and safety gear.
- Slow down and use extra caution at night.
- Travel with a friend, carry a cell phone and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Dress appropriately, carry a first aid kit and navigation tools.
- Take a snowmobile safety course.
- Check trail conditions using the Travel Wisconsin Snowmobile Snow Report.

For more information about snowmobile safety, visit <https://www.aspirus.org/snowmobile-safety>.



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