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Crandon Lions issue scholarships at 39th Winterfest



A large crowd was present at the Crandon Lions 39th Annual Winterfest held at Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort. Food and refreshments were plentiful, ticket sales were popular and sold out.

Over 60 local businesses donated to the event, making contributions possible. Three \$1,000 scholarships were presented, and six event winners were announced.

The recipients of the scholarships are shown above; from left to right, Lion Marj Tipler, President Larry Sommer, Haley Walentowski, Alexis McCorkle and Lion Cathy Bahcow. Cassidy Marvin was absent.

Congratulations to Haley, Alexis, and Cassidy on winning your scholarships!

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 November, I wrote about the hazards and problems with salt and our environment. Once again it is Salt Awareness Week in Wisconsin, January 23 – 27.

As we all know in the Northwoods, road salt helps keep Wisconsin's highways and sidewalks safer in winter, but using more salt than needed comes at a price.

As we continue to salt our roadways, drinking water supplies and freshwater ecosystems are becoming increasingly salty in northern regions around the globe. Just one teaspoon of salt is enough to pollute five gallons of water.

In lakes and streams, salt inhibits plant growth, impairs reproduction in some aquatic species and reduces biodiversity. It causes the deterioration of roads and infrastructure, vehicles and vegetation and can contribute to human health concerns.

Most municipalities are aware of the problems with salt, so the news isn't all bad. Municipalities around the state have adopted best management practices for salt use that have started to make a big difference.

Anti-icing uses liquid salt brine in advance of winter storms to prevent ice from bonding to surfaces, reducing salt use by as much as 50%. They may wet salt before application — which keeps salt from bouncing off roads and into ditches — and employ anti-icing techniques.

Other best practices include storing road salt on impervious, covered surfaces to prevent salt from leaching into the ground, and using variable application rates and equipment calibration to avoid over-application of road salt.

As a homeowner, you can help reduce salt use in several simple ways.

- Clear snow before it turns to ice. Shovel or sweep early and often during a snow event.
- Use salt sparingly, scattering so there is space between grains. No more than a 12-ounce coffee mug full of salt is enough for a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.
- Salt only works when pavement temperature is above 15 F, so switch to sand on colder days.
- Sweep up leftover salt from driveways and sidewalks after it is needed. Dry salt can be reused or, in some communities, dropped off for recycling.

Another year-round problem area is Water Softeners. Every year, tons of salt from water softeners go directly into lakes and streams via sewage treatment plants and into groundwater via septic tanks, contributing to freshwater salinization.

Water softeners are widely used in areas that get their drinking water from groundwater, which is rich in minerals that can form buildup on appliances and plumbing, reducing their efficiency. The softener removes these minerals but creates salted water released as waste.

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WisDOT holding public involvement meeting on US 8 construction in Crandon

Officials will discuss repaving and safety options between WIS 55 and WIS 32

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is holding a public involvement meeting to discuss proposed improvements to US 8 between WIS 55 South and WIS 32 South in the city of Crandon and towns of Lincoln and Laona, Forest County.

The meeting is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Forest County Potawatomi Museum and Cultural Center, 8130 Mish Ko Swen Drive, Crandon. A short presentation discussing the proposed improvement project will be given at 6:15 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will follow an open house format. Representatives of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be available to discuss the proposed project and address any questions or concerns.

The public may also go to the project website, review a handout and map of the work area and submit digital comments.

Website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nc/us8forest/default.aspx>

Construction currently is scheduled to begin in 2025.

For more information regarding traffic impacts, transportation news and improvement project updates in Wisconsin's North Central Region:

Follow us on Twitter: @WisDOTnorthcent

Visit the region's 511 website: <https://projects.511wi.gov/region/north-central/>

Opinion on changes to U.S. Hwy 8 in Crandon

By Mike Monte

The article above is inviting all of us to a meeting concerning changes to Hwy 8 in front of Pioneer Plaza and up the hill heading east.

The Department of Transportation plan is to change the four lanes in front of Pioneer Plaza to three lanes with the center lane a turning lane. The other change is to make the three lane heading east up the hill to a two lane road starting about where the turn off is to the motel.

These changes would take place in 2025. The question is: How would these changes make anything safer, and for that matter, more convenient for anyone using the road?

What we currently have seems to work quite well, with those turning into Pioneer Plaza coming from the west able to take the outside lane, allowing other cars to easily pass. The extra lane going up the hill allows those living on that stretch of road to have a means to turn right into their driveways without having to slow down or stop those vehicles following them. If anything, that extra lane should be continued all of the way to County W, facilitating those turning onto W.

You can express your views at the meeting covered in the article above this one. The question is whether or not are opinions matter or if the DOT has their plans to do this change no matter what the opinions of local citizens. Anyone who can should show up and voice an opinion!

Growing up in Northern Wisconsin Winters

(Attention Town of Freedom readers!)

By Barb Read

Growing up on a farm in northern Wisconsin was a unique experience. Living on a plot of land that was a hundred and twenty acres, with no neighbors in sight, was both lovely and lonely. Winters were most challenging because when it began to snow, it became both a winter wonderland and a potential life threatening experience. Watching the trees and the landscape fill up with two to three feet of cold, white powder within just a few hours could be exhilarating and/or frightening. Sometimes it would snow so hard you could barely see out the windows. And the wind would blow. At times it was so intense that it would shake the house. Farmers would put up miles of snow fence in the open fields to try to diminish the snow drifts caused by the fascinating white deluge.

When a storm was over, as a small child I can remember seeing everything covered in white, as far as the eye could see, in all directions, causing me to seem even smaller. In the evening, the yard light shining on the snow would create thousands of sparkling lights making it look like a field of diamonds.

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Pearson Pickerel Lions Scholarships for those grads in the Pickerel Area



The Pearson-Pickerel Lions are offering scholarships to 2023 High School graduates residing in the Pickerel area.

Applications are due March 15th. Email PearsonPickerelLions@gmail.com or call Amy at 715-484-4653 for an application.

Specialty Culinary Arts classes coming to Nicolet College Feb. 8, March 8

Any foodies looking to up their culinary arts game are invited to attend two upcoming classes at Nicolet College that takes food preparation and presentation to the next level.

Introduction to Cured and Smoked Foods will take place Wednesday, Feb. 8, followed by the second class, Canapés: The Importance of the First Bite, Wednesday, March 8.

Both will also be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Culinary Arts Dining Room and Kitchen located in the Northwoods Center on the Nicolet Campus.

"It's always fun to take a little more of a deep dive into these niche topics," said Nicolet Culinary Arts Instructor and Chef Mitch Below, who will lead each class.

"I think of each as really just another arrow in someone's culinary quiver. Each topic really adds originality, uniqueness, and of course deliciousness to any tasty adventure."

Classes are open to both the general public and those working professionally in the culinary arts field.

The Cured and Smoked Foods offering will explore many different aspects of this ancient craft including the science behind each method. Other topics will include curing versus brining, building and maintaining a fire, hot smoke versus cold smoke, as well as good smoke versus bad smoke.

Canapés: The Importance of the First Bite will explore the diverse possibilities of these tasty bites as well as their four basic elements: the base, the spread, a topping, and a garnish. From there students will learn strategic assembly techniques and the best ways to build and use a garnish.

Cost for each class is \$55 or \$47.83 for those 62 and older.

To register, visit tix.com/ticket-sales/tix/7160.

Crandon School Dist. Career Fair Invites local businesses to take part

The School District of Crandon is excited to host its 6th Annual Career Fair on Wednesday, March 1, 2023! We are reaching out to local organizations and businesses who may be interested in setting up booths to highlight the opportunities available to students. As we invite you to set up booths, we encourage you to include hands-on activities or demonstrations to pique students' interests.

The Crandon students in 6th-12th grade will be attending, as well as students from Goodman-Armstrong Creek, Laona, and Wabeno. This fair is a great way to inform students about all the career options in Forest County and beyond. You are also welcome to use this event to promote summer or part-time employment as well.

The Career Fair will be from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Students in 6th-12th grade will attend the Career Fair at staggered times so that there will be a steady flow of students throughout the two hours. Please contact Jessica Keao by February 24, 2023 if you wish to participate in this worthy event at 715-478-3714 or keaojess@sdfocrandon.com.

Maple Syrup program at Florence Natural Resource Center

An International program on maple syrup techniques will be held on Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at the Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. Our panel of experts is Fred Hedmark and Ernie Dagostino.

These two men are maple syrup producers of varying production, so we will have all levels of production present from small to very big. Both men have been making maple syrup their entire life and are vastly knowledgeable in the production of maple syrup.

If you would like to learn more about maple syrup, please join us! The program will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room at the Florence Natural Resource and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center located on the corner of U.S. 2 and Highway 101/70 in Florence.

For more information on this, contact Lori Moore at (715) 528-5377.

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CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK
Tuesday - January 31 - Southwest chicken rice casserole, corn and black bean salad, sliced pears, banana cake

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED, ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

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.



A message from Mark Gatton and the crew: Welcome to our NEW DRIVERS!

We have three new drivers: Christ, Bob and Mike and they are just dying to drive you around. We also have a new Transit bus (in picture above) that rides like a dream! Let us show you what a great time you can have. We average 4 to 6 passengers and would love to bump that up a bit.

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Thursday, Jan. 26: Iron Mountain
Tuesday, Jan. 31: Rhinelander

DEATH NOTICES

Candice Marie Daniels, "Mno Gizhgok", "Good day woman", 46, of Crandon, WI passed away Saturday, January 21, 2023 at the Aspirus Langlade Hospital in Antigo. Candice was born June 27, 1976 in Rhinelander, the daughter of Robert and Rogerine (Tourillott) Daniels Sr.



Candice went to the University of Minnesota for 2 ½ years studying Native American, then came back to Crandon and studied as an language apprentice under Jim Thunder and Billy Daniels Jr. She also worked in the enrollment department. She liked camping, planting, sewing and beading, picking berries, baking and gambling. She loved spending a lot of time with her granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

She was survived by her mother, Rogerine Wychesit; father of her children, Thomas Mayotte; daughters, Illianna Daniels of MN, Keeyana Daniels of MN and Arianna Daniels of MN; son, Ksinya Daniels of MN; grandchild, Gianna Daniels; and brothers, Christian (Floreze) Daniels of Rhinelander and Patrick Daniels of Stone Lake.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Daniels Sr.; and brothers, George Daniels and Robert Daniels Jr.

Visitation began at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center in Crandon. Services began at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center with Mr. Lance Long officiating. Burial followed at the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery in Crandon.

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

Darlyn J. Jackson, of Pickerel, died on January 17, 2023 at Aspirus Langlade Hospital. She was 79 years old. She was born on December 8, 1943 in Antigo, a daughter of Hilbert and Norma (Shanks) Borneman. She married David Jackson on July 27, 1963 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Polar. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2017.



She was a graduate of Antigo High School, class of 1961.

Mrs. Jackson has a 32 year career with the United States Postal Service. She served as Post Master in Pickerel, Stetsonville, Rothschild and Rhinelander. During her career she was the first female mail carrier for the Antigo post office, served as superintendent of postal operations in Stevens Point, MSC director of mail processing in Wausau, deputy district director of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States, and served as part-time clerk and officer-in-charge for both Antigo and Tomahawk between post master selections. She was also a recipient of the Crystal Eagle Award for outstanding leadership.

Darlyn was a member of the Pickerel Pearson Lions Club and Arbutus Lutheran Church where she served as both president and treasurer. She also served as clerk for the Town of Langlade.

She enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing, traveling and trips to the casino. She was a Chicago Bears fan. She will be remembered for her beautiful flower gardens and her abundance of raspberries.

Survivors include four sisters, Dawn (Don) Banczak of Antigo, Donna (Dave) Witman of Lily, Denise (Dale) Schroeder of Antigo, and Deb Sadowski of Merrill; two brothers, Dan Borneman of Antigo and Dean (Diane) Borneman of Arbor Vitae; two brothers-in-law, Chuck (Laura) Jackson of Pickerel and Don (Dani) Jackson of Coloma; and several loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by an infant sister, Mary; two sisters-in-law, DeLores Borneman and Judy (Ron) Selenske; and a brother-in-law, Phil Sadowski.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Arbutus Lutheran Church with Deacon Pam Werth officiating. Burial will take place in Arbutus Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org.

Bradley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences at www.bradleyfh.com.

David M. Mentz, 54, of Laona, passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, January 19, 2023. David was born April 25, 1968 in Laona, the son of Harvey and Corrine (Retzlaff) Mentz.



David was known by many in town. Riding his bike everywhere, helping everyone. His big heart and gentle soul touched everyone. He fought his battle with cancer and won.

David is survived by his sisters, Peggy Mentz of Crandon, Susie (Bill) Beyer of Clintonville, Helen (Harold) Mohr of Waupaca, Barbara (Bernard) Cornell, Corrine (Edward) Hawkins of Laona and Connie Dutton of Crandon; and brothers, Elwood (Debra) Mentz of Laona, Edward (Karie) Mentz of Laona, Kevin (Theresa) Mentz of Antigo, Bill (Angela) Mentz of Oak Creek, Leslie Mentz of Janesville, John (Linda) Mentz of Waupaca and Jeffrey Tuckwab of Rhinelander. He is also survived by nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Lisa Mentz; and wife, Lynn Mentz.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on February 4, 2023 at the Laona Community Hall.

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

Gary P. Karcz Sr., 73, of Crandon and formerly of Pulaski, died unexpectedly Sunday, January 15, 2023. He died a happy man: his grandsons were up north fishing with him and the tip-ups were in the water.



The son of Peter and Esther (Nowak) Karcz was born October 24, 1949, and was a 1967 graduate of Pulaski High School. After graduation, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, from 1968 until his honorable discharge on March 13, 1972. On April 24, 1971, he married Robyn Varalli at Assumption B.V.M. Church in Pulaski. The couple made their home in Pulaski, where they raised their family and were active members of the community.

Gary had been employed as a mechanic at Leicht Transfer & Storage for 28 years. After his retirement, he drove a white van/bus for the Pulaski Community School District for 10 years. It was a job he loved, and the kids sure loved him back! Gary coached basketball at Assumption B.V.M. Elementary School in Pulaski, as well as coaching girls and boys varsity basketball at Pulaski High School. He also coached youth baseball and softball. He spent countless hours in the gym or at the ball diamond or football field supporting his children and grandchildren, and all of their friends. In 2019, Gary and Robyn moved into their dream home on Lake Metonga in Crandon, where they enjoyed the company of family and friends. He could often be found sitting in his boat or on his tractor, or raking the beach.

Survivors include his wife, Robyn; their five children: Chris (Staci) Karcz and their family, Bennett, Kendall, Madelynn, and Elliott; Jenny (Mike) Egan and their family, Emily, Lizzie, and Aedan; Amy (Jason) McKeefry and their family, Jarron, Landen, Kammron, and McKenna; and Angela (Shawn) Krueger and their family, Addison, Jack, and Sofia; and Gary Jr. (Ashley) Karcz and their family, Mya and Shay. He is further survived by his brothers, Dennis (Linda) Karcz and Duane (Elaine) Karcz; his sisters, Bonnie Chlopek, Darlene (Craig) Garbrecht, Shirley (Pat) Kapla, and Janice (Terry) Cayemberg; Robyn's sisters, Corinne (Jim) Richie and Sherri (Paul) Oswald; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Esther Karcz; two brothers-in-law, Charlie Chlopek and Mike Sikorski; his in-laws, Angelo and Myrtle Varalli; a nephew, Gary Richie; and a niece, DaNelle Hocking.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Assumption B.V.M. Church, Pulaski, on Friday, January 20, at 11 a.m. with Fr. James Gannon, O.F.M. presiding. Military honors rendered by the Pulaski Area Veterans followed at the church.

The family wished to extend a special thank you to Erica Neilitz and the Crandon First Responders for their quick response and kind, caring support.

Memorial gifts will be donated in Gary's name to the Wounded Warrior Project.

To leave a condolence for the Karcz family please visit www.marnochafuneralhome.com or the Marnocha Funeral Home Facebook page.

In the words of Coach G: "Look sharp. Think Sharp. Play Sharp!"

John Fred Rettmann, 84, of Argonne, WI passed away Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Seasons of Life in Woodruff. John was born September 17, 1938 in Cedarburg, the son of Dorion and Althea (Buch) Ruttman. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korea Conflict.



Surviving are his daughter, Kim (Siegfried) Schnappup of Crandon; sons, William (Debbie) Rettmann of Kewaskum, Benjamin Rettmann of West Bend, Robert (Susan) Rettmann of Waterford and Brian (Marialyce) Nairobi Kenya; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and sister, Elsa (Reno) Dippmann, Jackson.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a twin sister, Margaret Jones.

Celebration of Life will held at a later date. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Mack George Mazur Sr., 96, of Goodman WI, passed away peacefully with family by his side, Thursday, January 12 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, MI.



Mack was born October 27, 1926 in Armstrong Creek WI, the son of Leon and Caroline (Lasowski) Mazur. Mack served in the U.S Army and was a World War II Veteran. He was also a member of VFW post 7444 of Armstrong Creek WI. Not only did he serve his country, but Mack also served his hometown as a volunteer Fireman for Goodman/Armstrong Creek in his younger years.

Mack was an avid outdoorsman! He loved to pick ginseng, wild berries, and mushrooms his entire life, along with hunting and fishing, metal detecting, and he even grew the best garden in town! Mack also loved going for rides in the woods with his nephew, Wayne Czech, in his later years, as well as going to the casino with his dear friend Gwen.

Mack is survived by his special friend, Gwen Gorr of Goodman; brother, Frank (Veronica) Mazur of Goodman; son, Richard Mazur of Goodman; daughter, Debbie (Ron) Hardy of Glencoe, KY; son, Jay Mazur of Pulaski; son, Craig (Fabiola) Mazur of Pembine; step-daughter, Laurie (Mark) Hawley of Bellville, IL; step-son, Jim Buck of Oconto; many grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and many more.

Mack is preceded into death by his parents, Leon and Caroline (Lasowski) Mazur; five sisters; three brothers; and two sons, Mack Mazur Jr. and Edward Mazur.

Graveside services with military honors will be held at a later date.

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To help reduce salt use and save money, check your water softener's efficiency. A softener screening tool and other "Be a Salt Saver" tips are available from the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District; check madsewer.org.

You also can soften less water in your home. If both hot and cold water are softened, work with a plumber to disconnect some or all cold water from the softener.

If you can tolerate some effects of hard water in your home, you can reduce salt use significantly.

Alternatives to regular water softeners also are emerging that use different technologies to prevent hard water scale, said Allison Madison, sustainability and development coordinator for the Wisconsin Salt Wise coalition.

"Technology using electromagnetic fields and template-assisted crystallization are the most promising salt-free alternatives for hard water, the primary reason for water softeners in southern and eastern Wisconsin," Madison said. "If people are managing iron, it's best to go with an iron curtain water filter vs. a salt-based softener."

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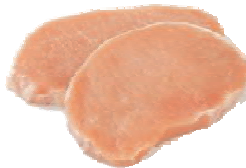
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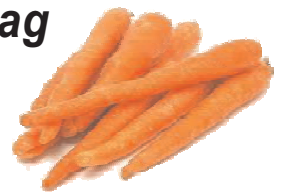
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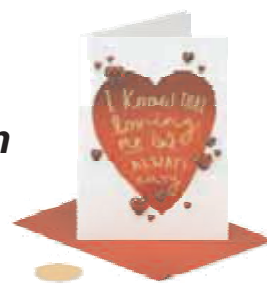


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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WABENO AREA
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

High School Library - Wabeno Junior High / High School

6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call – Verification of Quorum
- III. Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2))
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Agenda approval.
- VI. Public Participation at Board Meetings - See Board Policy 0167.3
 - a. Welcome and Guidelines for Public Comments (5 Minute Maximum per Person)
 - b. This is a listening session for the community to address the Board. The maximum time limit for this section is 30 minutes. The purpose of this segment of the meeting is for the Board to listen to the views of our community.
 - c. Public Participation
- VII. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Approval of the minutes of the Impact Aid Meeting on January 4, 2023
 - b. Approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting on January 4, 2023
- VIII. Approval of Vouchers and Payroll.
- IX. Informational Items:
 - a. Jeff Walsh, District Administrator, will present updates and information.
 - b. Bill Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, will present updates and information.
 - c. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, will present updates and information.
 - d. Bob Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, will present updates and information.
 - e. Board Member Reports.
- X. Action Items:
 - a. Review Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report regarding progress made on growth objectives.
 - b. Discuss and take possible action on girls and boys basketball overnight trips.
 - c. Discuss and take possible action on hiring(s).
 - d. Discuss and take possible action on resignations(s).
 - e. Discuss and take possible action on wrestling overnight trip.
 - f. Discuss and take possible action on additional emergency day for 12 month employees and 9 month support staff employees.
- XI. Motion and roll call vote to go into closed session. Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f), the Board may convene in closed session for the purpose of :
 - a. Discuss and take possible action regarding support staff sick leave payout and retirement.
- XII. Motion and roll call vote to return open session to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate.
- XIII. Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.
- XIV. Adjourn

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February 21, 23**

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Town of Argonne

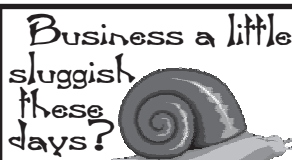


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- Monday** - Biscuits/gravy, hashbrown patty, oranges, fruit juice, milk
- Tuesday** - Scrambled eggs, sausage links, tator tots, peaches, fruit juice, milk
- Wednesday** - Late Start
- Thursday** - Breakfast sandwich, yogurt, fruit juice, milk
- Friday** - French toast sticks, bacon, banana, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School
Lunch Menu
Jan. 30-Feb. 3**

- Monday** - Hot dog, mac and cheese, corn, pears, garden bar, milk
- Tuesday** - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
- Wednesday** - Asian rice bowl, chicken, Oriental vegetables, mandarin oranges, garden bar, milk
- Thursday** - Chicken sandwich, potato wedges, mixed vegetable, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
- Friday** - Lasagna, garlic breadstick, peas and pearl onions, strawberries, garden bar, milk



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The test is open to the public.
**Amy Collins,
Argonne Town Clerk**

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The Laona State Bank will be accepting sealed bids January 30, 2023-February 21, 2023 on the following item:

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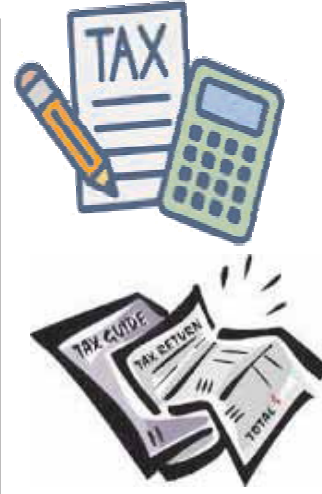
Bids & Notices

Crandon Public Library news

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INVITATION FOR QUOTES

The School District of Wabeno Area is requesting sealed quotes for lawn care. Quotes will be accepted either in person at the District Office, located in the Elementary Building, 4346 Mill Lane, Wabeno, WI 54566 or by mail no later than **3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2023** to: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Please mark envelope "**Lawn Care Quote**"

The lawn care provider must provide proof of liability insurance and commercial pesticide application business license with the quote. Lawn care quotes should be written to reflect monthly charges. Lawn care is required for a period of six months and the District will make payments for the service once a month for the months of May through October.

Lawn is to be mowed and trimmed around the elementary and high school buildings, elementary playground, the lot next to the bus garage, and the area around the parking lots. Lawn is also to be mowed and trimmed at the football and baseball fields (behind the elementary school) and at the softball field (located downtown).

The lawn care provider is expected to check on the lawn and mow regularly, keeping the grounds looking neat and well kept.

For further questions about this quote, contact Lee Mattern, Transportation/Maintenance Director, at 715.889.0607.

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

Request for Bids Sokaogon Chippewa Housing Authority

- Replacement of 20 furnaces
- Install 20 central air conditioners.

Specifications as follows: Comfortmaker 2 stage variable speed furnace with 13 seer Comfortmaker air conditioner. Furnace and AC size determined on the heat calculation of each home.

If interested, please contact the Sokaogon Chippewa Housing Office 715-478-2001 to make arrangements to view the homes. **Deadline to bid on the project will be February 6th.**

Northern Wisconsin Winters Cont. from pg. 1

When I was twelve, we got our first telephone. Prior to having this new means of communication, it could sometimes be a very sobering, isolated way of life. When we were snowbound, our family was alone, and we had to rely on our own resources if anything went wrong, sometimes for days. One time, we had such a severe storm that my father tied a rope between the house and the barn. After milking the cows, he used the rope to guide himself back to the house. It is difficult to believe a person could lose their way within just a few feet of a building.

On our long, secluded and often slippery country roads, there were numerous car accidents and/or mishaps. I cannot tell you how many times my dad pulled cars or trucks out of a nearby ditch or snowbank with his tractor. People were always incredibly grateful.

My father worked part-time for the Town of Freedom plowing snow. In huge snowstorms, he would sometimes have to plow all night so my mother would always make a thermos of coffee for him to take on the road. In those days, the township plowed everyone's driveway. One year there was so much snow that toward the end of the season, the snowbank created by the snowplow was nearly as high as our one-story house.

All those years ago hearing the sound of a snowplow approaching, and seeing the flashing lights, conjured up a feeling of warmth, delight and salvation. Even now sixty plus years later, when the snowplow comes down the street of our Pennsylvania neighborhood and I see the swirling lights, the sensation still gives me a contented, calm feeling.

Times have not changed that much. Today, in the winter, when I call friends living in Wabeno or Crandon, they will often say, "It is 40 below zero here today, with the wind chill." Thankfully, the winters in Eastern Pennsylvania are quite mild.

Every fall my father would build wooden troughs around the base of our house and fill them with sawdust. This practice would keep the pipes from freezing in the dirt crawl space under the house.

Our living room housed a wood burning stove and there was a wood burning cook stove in the kitchen. Because my dad would have to stoke the fires many times during the day and night, it was important to keep the shed, attached to the front of the house, filled with firewood. Looking back, I cannot believe we did not freeze to death. In the morning, my mother would put our clothes on the stove to warm them for when we changed from our pajamas.

Many mornings we would find that "Jack Frost" had visited. On the single pane glass windows in the bedroom, I can remember seeing the most beautiful, elaborate patterns of frost that had formed overnight. They were truly a remarkable, intricate work of art made of ice. I feel that it was more the hand of God than some fictional guy named Jack.

Another interesting element of winter were the icicles that formed on the eaves of the roof. Long, shiny objects that brought wonder to a child. But as pretty as they were, an enormous one falling down to the ground could do some bodily harm to a person standing directly underneath. When they broke off and fell, we would pull them from the snow and consume them like a frozen dessert.

From our yard on dark, clear nights we could see the endless number of stars shining that lit up the entire sky. It was a most gorgeous sight. One night we were lucky to see an Aurora Borealis event, also

Known as the Northern Lights. The entire sky on the north side of our house was lit up with numerous brilliant colors. It was a once in a lifetime event for me with the lively lights filling the entire northern sky. The gently flashing display of colors was breathtaking.

With winter came Christmas. Such a wonderful time of year. The season would always make our lives heavenly with the sights, sounds and smells it delivered. We were always very blessed to have such delightful memories. As children, my brother and I were always involved with Christmas activities at both our school and church. Our family was part of a wonderful farming community. We had many friends and some relatives nearby with which to celebrate. Every year my dad would go out into our woods and cut down a Christmas tree. Mom would decorate it and we would always have homemade cookies and fruit cake.

One strong memory of winter I possess happened when I was only four or five years old, on the way home from church on Christmas Eve. We were on the old road out of Wabeno before it was re-routed. There was a hill across from where Flannery's Mill used to be, and it was slippery. My dad could not get the car up the steep upgrade for the longest time. The wheels just kept spinning. The car window was open, allowing my mother to help navigate and I could see snowflakes drifting into the backseat. It was very dark out, but the car's headlights lit up the area. In my mind's eye I can still see and feel the snow and remember the smell of the rubber tires burning. Eventually we successfully made it up the hill. Santa would always come to our house while we were at church on Christmas Eve, and we would open our presents when we got home.

When I was very little, I remember being able to see the Christmas tree in the living room lying in my bed, from the bedroom. The old-fashioned colored bulbs housed by metal reflectors and the tinsel on the tree made nighttime feel dreamlike and magical.

Other winter delights; playing in the snow. I still see myself sitting outside on a dark, wintry night under the yard light playing with the crust that would form on the top of the snow. Sometimes we made elaborate snow forts. Snowball fights would then defend the fortress. As a child, playing games in the snow was always thrilling. Imaginations would run wild as we thought up games to play. We would create paths in the fresh snow, making a large circle with walkways the shape of pizza slices, to play duck, duck, goose. The game was like a life-size primitive game of Pacman.

Throughout the winter many snowmen could be seen, by residents around the countryside, standing tall with their carrot noses, stone eyes, tree branch arms wearing a scarf and hat. And of course, you have not lived until you have lain down in the snow and made an "angel-in-the-snow." Oh, to be a child again.

In the keeping of winter traditions, my father built a wooden sleigh. It looked like a picture on a Christmas card decorated with Christmas boughs hooked up to my favorite work horse, "Lady." We were all given numerous rides around our farm. It is one of my fondest childhood memories.

The recollection of ice skating near bonfires built on frozen lakes, white-knuckled sled rides and roller coaster toboggan trips down hills on neighboring farmland still brings a smile to my face. My brother and our friends would stay outside until we were frozen stiff. When we returned from an afternoon of excitement, imagine our mother's joy of having to deal with piles of freezing cold, wet, snow-covered coats, mittens, scarves, and boots.

There are so many great Northern Wisconsin winter memories from all those years long ago. It was such a mixture of warm endearing moments in the face of hardship and adversity. We country kids were a lucky and blessed bunch to have experienced it all.

Barb (Bintz) Read grew-up on a farm outside of Wabeno, Wisconsin in the Town of Freedom. She graduated from Wabeno High School - Class of 1966- and currently lives in West Chester, Pennsylvania with her husband Dave and their dog Riley.

4K Enrollment Day



This is a day to enroll your child in the School District of Crandon's 4K program for the 2023-2024 school year.

- All children 4 years of age by September 1, 2023 who have not already participated in a 4K open house

- Bring child's birth certificate and immunization record

- Friday, February 24, 2023

- 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

- Crandon Elementary School (Use District Office entry doors)

- District office will buzz you into the building

Developmental Screening

The School District of Crandon is required to locate, identify, and evaluate all children, with disabilities, including children with disabilities attending private schools in the school district, and homeless children. The process of locating, identifying, and evaluating children with disabilities is known as child find. This agency conducts the following child find activities each year: developmental screenings of preschool children.

- Only the child to be screened and one adult should attend

- The School District of Crandon will conduct a screening for children ages 3-5.

- The Birth-to-Three Program will be on site to conduct a screening and answer questions for children under 3 years of age

- Crandon Head Start information will also be available

- Friday, February 24, 2023

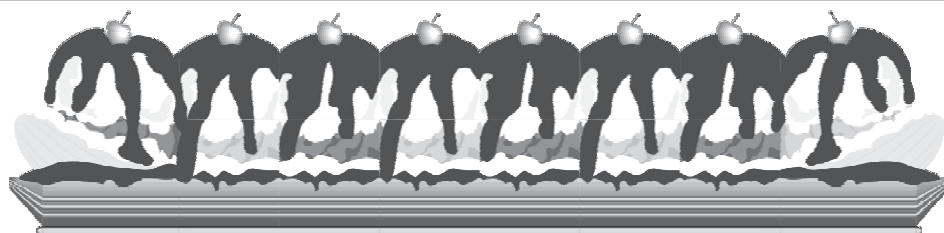
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Or email to: Townsend54175@gmail.com

Applications must be received by February 1, 2023. The Town of Townsend is an equal opportunity employer.

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For Old Times Sake



Having a photo taken in way back when was a big event. Only professionals had cameras as Kodak hadn't come out with his Brownie box camera. These two ladies were found in a Crandon collection. Unfortunately, we can't name them, but we can appreciate their high style, especially the hats! The fashion is from the 1890's.