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## Post Lake Improvement Association Ice Fishing Jamboree

The Post Lake Improvement Association is holding their 25th Annual Ice Fishing Jamboree on Upper and Lower Post Lake this Saturday, February 18. The fishing is from dawn to 4 p.m., when the fish registration ends.

The raffle drawings and awards are at 4:30 p.m. Buy raffle tickets for cash prizes and the bonus raffle might win you an ice auger.

All the registration and indoor activities are at the PLIA building on County K in Post Lake. Get in on the fun!

## Conservation Corner 2023 Forest County Conservation Poster Winners

The Forest County Conservation Department hosted a poster contest at the beginning of 2023. The Poster theme was "One Water." We received about 20 posters from local students ranging from grades Kindergarten - 8. Winners (pictured below) received certificates from the Forest County Conservation Department and gift cards. First place winners were advanced to the North Central Area Contest where Briar Fannin placed 2nd (K-1st grade) and Mason Peters placed 3rd (4-6th).



L. to R.: Jonah Peters, 2nd place (2-3rd grade); Mason Peters, 1st place 4-6th grade; Noah Peters, 3rd place K-1st grade and Steve Kircher, Forest County Conservationist.



From left: Hailey Brown, 2nd place (7-9th grade); Brayden Davis-Ostenson 3rd place (7-9th grade), Not Pictured: Angel Cramer, 1st place (7-9th grade)



L-R: Chase Fannin, 1st place (2-3rd grade); Briar Fannin; 1st place (K-1st grade); Zelia Spencer, 2nd place (K-1st grade); Not Pictured; Brynlee Brass, 3rd place (2-3rd grade).

## Laona & Wabeno Rebel Drama presents "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"



Cast & Crew: 1st row: Trina Ward (Crew), Madison Thomson (Patty), Jedediah Sarratt (Schroeder), Lauren Harris (Linus), Nora Kemke (Crew)

Middle row: Kierra O'Keefe (Crew), David Nelson (Charlie Brown), Ab Peterson (Lucy), Ezekiel Sarratt (Crew)

The Laona and Wabeno Rebel Drama and Music Departments are presenting the musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* in the Nancy Volk Theatre at Wabeno High School on March 9-12, 2023

About the Show: Almost everyone knows cartoonist Charles M. Schulz's loveable characters who began appearing in the Peanuts syndicated comic strips when they debuted in 1950. Schulz's sweet, funny, and innocent child characters have been entertaining audiences for almost 75 years.

In the early 1960s, composer Clark Gesner began writing songs based on the Peanuts characters. Eventually, Charles Schulz gave Gesner permission to produce the songs and create a musical. The first production of the musical, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, premiered off-Broadway in March of 1967. The show ran for almost four years with a total of 1,597 performances, closing in February of 1971.

Six favorite characters appear in the original musical cast, including Charlie Brown (David Nelson), his quirky dog, Snoopy (Autumn Warden), the blanket hugging, Linus (Lauren Harris), his older and annoying sister, Lucy (Ab Peterson), Lucy's friend, Patty (Madison Thomson) and, of course, the child pianist, Schroeder (Jedediah Sarratt TH/SAT, Lizzy Novak FRI/SUN).

The script includes a series of vignettes that feature the characters reenacting favorite moments from the Peanuts comic strip. The title song, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," shows all of Charlie Brown's friends praising him for being a "good man." Other scenes include Lucy as the "doctor," Schroeder being pursued by Lucy, Charlie Brown rallying his team during a losing baseball game, Snoopy daydreaming about the "Red Baron," Charlie Brown trying to fly a kite, and much more.

Kierra O'Keefe is in charge of painting all of the scenery and props and managing the backstage. Kelsey Beaver is the principal lighting technician, and Brian Sears is the audio technician. Nora May Kamke is assisting with the costumes and makeup. Ezekiel Sarratt has helped with the set construction and acted as a production assistant. In addition, Lauren Harris has assisted with painting the scenery and props, and Trina Ward is a show helper.

Directing the production is WHS English and drama teacher, Janet DeJean Newton. Under the direction of WHS Band Director, Michelle Boor, members of the WHS band will accompany some of the musical numbers: Maddy Calhoun, Ted Gust, Mitsuki Nelson, and Treyton Schaefer. Both Michele Boor and her husband, Jason, Boor will also perform in some of the numbers, along with WHS alumni, Nat Johnson. WHS music teacher, Charisa Statezny, has been teaching the cast the music and will play some of the piano accompaniment.

Performances will be held at the Nancy Volk Auditorium located in Wabeno High School, 4325 Branch Street, Wabeno, WI 54566 on Thursday-Saturday, March 9-11, 2023 at 7 P.M. and on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2P.M. General Admission tickets to the show are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. For more information or questions, please contact Wabeno High School at (715) 473-5122, extension 3439, or send an email to the show director, Janet DeJean Newton at [jnewton@wabeno.k12.wi.us](mailto:jnewton@wabeno.k12.wi.us)

## Crandon Area Community Foundation

The Crandon Area Community Foundation (CACF) held its annual board of directors meeting at Lake Ave Restaurant on February 8th. Current board members are Jill Krueger, President, Brian Schultz, Vice Pres./Treasurer, Karen McMillion, Secretary, RT Krueger, board member, Andy McMillion, board member. The 501 C3 non-profit organization had a slow start when it was established a couple years ago just as the pandemic first hit. The organization definitely made up for lost time in 2022 however!

The goal of CACF is to support community projects with funding, time and logistical assistance. We work on beneficial projects that lack the support of a formal organization behind them and work with established organizations on their projects that just need a little extra funding or man-power.

Several of the Foundation's current projects were discussed at the meeting. In 2022, we initiated a program in cooperation with the City of Crandon to place advertising signs on the ballfields at Cardinal and Palmer Parks. Our initial efforts were very successful and we hope to build on this in 2023. Businesses, organizations and even private individuals can purchase a sign. All proceeds (after an initial fee that goes to a local small business) will be put toward City park projects.

Another major project underway is the revitalization of the Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds. In the summer and fall of 2022, an effort coordinated among CACF, American Legion Post 94 and the Crandon Area Historical Society carefully inventoried and removed historical items from the building, removed display cases, patched and painted, and prepared the building for a new look in 2023. There is still a need for articles, artifacts, photos and information for the new exhibits. If you have information, would like to assist with research, or assist with the building project, please call Jill Krueger at 715-478-3139. In addition to the building project, there will be new signage for the tank and cannon and the cannon's wheels will be repaired. The initial funding for this project was provided by local donations and CoVantage Cares Foundation.

The greatest current proposed project is the renovations of the tennis/pickleball courts at Cardinal Park. CACF received a significant private donation toward this effort but the project still poses significant financial and logistical hurdles.

The CACF board discussed a number of additional on-going projects. Watch for more updates, here and on our Facebook page, regarding the community gardens, Park Louise and other projects and activities over the upcoming months. If you're interested in more info on the Crandon Area Community Foundation, please see our website [crandonareacommunityfoundation.org](http://crandonareacommunityfoundation.org) or like us on Facebook.



## Wabeno Area Players set tryout dates for "Steel Magnolias"

Tryouts for Wabeno Area Players' production of *Steel Magnolias* are Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Tryouts will be in the lobby of the Nancy Volk Auditorium. Those wishing to tryout need only attend one night. Scripts and tryout materials will be available at the public libraries in Lakewood, Wabeno, Laona and Crandon.

Practices will start March 13 and there will need to be three practices a week. The schedule will be set once the play is cast. There will also be a practice on Sunday, April 16. Dress rehearsals will be April 18 and 19. Performances are April 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and April 23 at 2 p.m.

For more information, call Carol Bartlein at 715-473-5466

## Swans in February?



A call came into the office from Tim Sheldon who lives on County P in Argonne. He said there were swans in the field behind his house. Surprisingly, there were four swans in the field on February 13th.

Did they make a wrong turn down in Louisiana? Did they never leave? Do they just like cold weather? Oh well, they can be anywhere they want to be!



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**Middle School Teacher Vacancy**  
**School District of Laona**

The School District of Laona is seeking a full-time Middle School Science and Social Studies teacher beginning in the 2023-2024 school year. This position will be responsible for science and social studies instruction and curriculum for students in grades 6-8. Candidates must have a valid and appropriate Wisconsin DPI license. The candidate must exhibit a desire and ability to work with and relate to middle school students. The candidate must also be able to communicate effectively with students, parents, colleagues and the community as well as be able to utilize building technology for instructional purposes. Please submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license and 3 current letters of recommendation on WECAN or submit to:

School District of Laona  
Melissa Chrisman - District Administrator  
5216 Forest Ave Suite A  
Laona, WI 54541

The posting will close on March 31, 2023. This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

**HELP WANTED**  
**FOREST COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT.**

The Forest County Highway Department is accepting applications for a full-time position. This position would be involved with all road maintenance functions of the Highway Department.

Applicants must have a valid drivers license, a clean driving record, with a CDL endorsement, and be able to pass a physical, audiogram, and D.O.T. drug screen. Applications may be obtained at the Highway offices located at 5350 County Road "W" Crandon, Wisconsin.

Starting wage is \$21.34 per hour and after 6 months \$22.46 per hour. Excellent Benefit Package.

All interested parties must file a new job application to be given consideration.

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. **march 7, 2023.**

By Order of the Forest County Highway Committee:  
Bill Anderson, Highway Commissioner

**HELP WANTED**

**Seasonal Employment Opportunity**

Nicolet Country Club is seeking applicants for a Head Grounds Keeper.

Responsibilities include day to day golf course operations, mowing/fertilizing, equipment maintenance.

Supervision of a six-person grounds crew, good communication skills, basic computer skills, and attend monthly meeting. On the job training as well as additional training seminars will be available. Must be able to work with others and supervise.

Starting pay \$17+, depending upon work experience.

If interested, send letter of application before March 1st to:

Nicolet Country Club  
P.O. Box 56  
Laona, WI 54541

**Help Wanted**  
**School District of Wabeno Area**  
**\*ALL APPLICANTS MUST PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK.**

**SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE**

- Involves various duties including meal prep and serving.

**SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAL**

- Involves various duties with the main one being cleaning.

**SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS**

- Applicant must possess or be willing to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a passenger and school bus endorsement.
- Preference will be given to those applicants with a high school diploma, HSED, or GED but they are not a requirement.
- Training provided, fees will be covered by the school district.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

- Any person holding an Associate's Degree or a 4 year Bachelor's Degree is eligible for a short-term substitute teacher license. Please apply on the DPI website.
- Current teachers should submit a copy of your current teacher's or substitute teacher's license.
- All candidates need to complete a Substitute Teacher Information Sheet.

**SUBSTITUTE SPECIAL ED AND REGULAR EDUCATION AIDES**

- Duties to include, clerical work, recess duty, study hall monitoring, and working with students in small groups and one on one.
- Individuals must have a high school diploma or equivalent and complete a Substitute Aide Information Sheet.

Call 715.473.2592 for more information.  
Positions will be open until filled.

The School District of Wabeno Area is an Equal Opportunity employer. The School District does not discriminate against applicants or employees based on race; age; sex or sexual orientation; creed or religion; color; handicap or disability; marital, citizenship, or veteran status; membership in the National Guard, state defense force, or reserves; national origin or ancestry; arrest or conviction record; use or non-use of lawful products off the District's premises during non-working hours; or any other characteristic protected by law.



**HELP WANTED**

**Administrative Assistant**  
Part-Time & Full Time positions for Tax Season.

Responsibilities: Manage accounts receivables and customer accounts, answer phone calls, schedules meetings and assist visitors.

Clerical duties including filing, typing, copying, collating, scanning, etc.

Maintain both electronic and physical documents and filing systems.

Send resumes to [kme.jelam@gmail.com](mailto:kme.jelam@gmail.com)



**HELP WANTED**

**BARTENDERS AND SERVERS**

**Main Street Ed's**

7909 Main St. in Argonne  
[www.mainstreeteds.com](http://www.mainstreeteds.com)  
715-649-3810

**Employment Opportunity**  
**Forest County Director of Social Services**

The Forest County Social Services Department is currently accepting applications for a full-time (40 hours per week) Director position. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in a field related to the provision of human services.

Applicants must have experience in the provision of services for all Children and Family Services, Economic support, and Fiscal.

Application and position description may be obtained at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov) or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 E. Main Street, Crandon, Wisconsin 54520.

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**Job Posting – Public Health Nurse**

Forest County Health Department is accepting applications for a full-time (40 hours per week), Public Health Nurse. There will be an occasional need to work evening and/or weekend hours. Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Preferred applicants will have experience in community health and public health competencies.

This position has a starting wage of \$25.92-\$28.79 based on education and experience. Application and position description may be obtained at [www.co.forest.wi.gov](http://www.co.forest.wi.gov) or in the County Clerk's Office, Forest County Courthouse, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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**SEE MORE HELP WANTED ADS ON PAGE 3**

## HELP WANTED

**Full & Part-time Law Enforcement Dispatchers NEEDED at the Forest County Sheriff's Office**

Minimum qualifications are a High School Diploma or equivalent as well as a valid drivers license. No experience necessary. \$19.91 per hour to start and 40 hours vacation at 90 days. \$20.51 per hour and 80 hours of vacation at 1 year of employment.

## HELP WANTED

### Help Wanted

Full time Corrections Officer positions at the Forest County Sheriff's Office. Minimum qualifications include a high school diploma or G.E.D. as well as a valid drivers license. No law enforcement experience required. \$20.51 per hour and 80 hours of vacation at 1 year of employment.

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"We know that many people have come to count on us and the services provided at the Lakewood and Laona Ranger District offices. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding during this temporary reduction of our hours of operation," said District Ranger Michael Brown. "As we considered our plans for a temporary reduction of hours, we took into account times when most people visit the Lakewood and Laona offices. We look forward to being able to return to our full operational schedule and staffing capacity shortly."  
The public will be notified when the Lakewood and Laona Ranger District offices will resume regular business hours.

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## Reading Program Donation



We are grateful to the Lioness Club for their generous donation to the Wabeno Elementary Reading Program. The money will be used for incentives and programming. We appreciate all the work you do to support our local schools. Pictured above is the Title I Director and Reading Specialist, Laurie Christianson, Lioness Member, Mary Ellen Greiten, and District Administrator, Jeff Walsh.

## Valentine's Specials

We have you covered for both Weekends!!

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## Main Street Ed's

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Shortened hours at the Lakewood & Laona Ranger District offices

Beginning on Monday, February 13, 2023, and continuing until newly hired employees begin employment, the Lakewood and Laona District Ranger public offices will be open the following days and times:

**Lakewood Ranger District Office**  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

15085 WI State Highway 32, Lakewood, WI 54138 (715) 276-6333

NOTE: The Lakewood office will also be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023, in observance of Presidents Day.

**Laona Ranger District Office**  
Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
4978 US Hwy 8, Laona, WI 54541 (715) 674-4481

During the times when the offices are open, USDA FS employees will continue to provide services to the public. Services provided may be:

- Information about recreation, trail conditions, firewood gathering, and more
- Interagency Passes

## AREA EVENTS

### TIME FOR A CHANGE!

**Vote for James Bocek, for  
Town of Crandon Supervisor**

As Supervisor, I will take an active role in improving our town for the residents of the Town of Crandon.

Let's work together and vote for me, James Bocek, on Tuesday, February 21st, from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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**Please Vote  
Kelly Bauknecht  
for  
Town of Crandon  
Treasurer**

**Your vote would be  
appreciated at the  
upcoming primary on  
Feb. 21, 2023.**



### 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.



### News of area college students

UW-La Crosse announces fall 2022 Dean's List  
**Laona**, Halia Babich, Psychology Major

UW-Stevens Point undergraduates honored for scholastic achievement

**Argonne**, Chevy Gretzinger, Highest Honors  
**Crandon**, Nolan Castellion, Honors; Dylan Potter, Highest Honors; Halle Reeder, Highest Honors  
**Laona**, Braylee Chrisman, Honors; Natalie Newton, Honors; Elizabeth Tinsman, Honors  
**Pickerel**, Greta Parsons, High Honors  
**Wabeno**, Morgan Mattern, High Honors

**10th Annual LFD Auxiliary  
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# FISH-O-REE

**Saturday, February 25th  
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## Thank You and Personals

### Happy Guidance Counselors Appreciation Week



The staff and students at Wabeno Elementary would like to say thank you to Ms. Stefanski for all the hard work she does to support us all. Ms. Stefanski fills many roles throughout the building, including supporting the students social emotional needs and well as classroom lessons. She is involved in our PBIS programming, student leadership, and the Student Assistance Program. She is also a substitute classroom teacher whenever called upon.

**THANK YOU MS. STEFANSKI FOR ALL  
YOU DO; WE ALL APPRECIATE YOU!**



**Nelson-Braaten  
Engagement**

Eric and Colette Nelson of Armstrong Creek, WI, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Katelyn Nelson to Hagan Braaten, son of Wyatt and Annette Braaten of Goodman, WI.

Both Katelyn and Hagan are graduates of Goodman-Armstrong Creek High School. Katelyn is currently a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay where she is pursuing a degree in Human Biology. Hagan is employed by TCR Contractors of Iron Mountain, MI. A June 2023 wedding is planned.



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### "Evidence of Discipline..." by Paul Leverson, Doctor of Physical Therapy at Health In Motion

How many problems in life can be traced back to a lack of self discipline? In my own life, I find most of them can. I spend money in wrong places, for wrong reasons, at wrong times. I eat wrong foods...or too much. I fail to exercise regularly. I waste time or I'm just lazy.

See...physical therapists aren't perfect either!

Both discipline – and a lack of it -- leave clues in life. The really encouraging thing about discipline is that we have total control over it. And when we exercise it in areas of our life, the right things follow. When a patient comes into our clinic, that's an encouraging thing I can share with them. They have control over their discipline. They can exercise regularly, or not...eat right, or not...get rest, or not. They can follow our direction, or not. Often, because of their pain, they've lost focus on this one simple thing. And usually, if they can regain or improve it, they can take some control back in their lives over their problem...and start moving in a positive direction.

That makes recovery quicker, longer lasting, more meaningful, more theirs. And that's an encouraging thing.

Is there evidence of discipline in your life? Remember, there's usually improvement to be made in any situation just with self discipline. Let us help you find yours. That's what families do."

**"Stop in to see us at 501 W Lincoln St, Crandon, WI 54520  
or give us a call today at 715-478-6168."**



## THANK YOU!

The Lumberjack Memorial Trails Snowmobile Club (LMT) would like to thank all of the businesses, establishments and personal donations for our Annual Poker Run making it a huge success. We appreciate all of the patrons who attended, volunteers and workers helping run the raffles, and to Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort for hosting our event. All proceeds go to trail maintenance. Looking forward to next year.

Cash Raffle Winners:  
Joe Peterson, Calli Packard, Dale Doxtator, Tom Wondrash, Trent Gagnon

Poker Run Winners:

1<sup>st</sup> - David Goss 2<sup>nd</sup> - Kelly VanAsten 3<sup>rd</sup> -  
Nora Hermus

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL FOR THE  
SUPPORT!!!**

## THANK YOU!

**Crandon Youth Basketball would like to  
thank the following businesses and  
community members for donating to  
our fundraiser on January 31st**

Argonne Lumber, TKO Racing, Samz Concrete SBT Trucking, Reyes Coca Cola Bottling, IVT Robertson Ryan & Association, Creative Screenprinting, Mayer Contract Services, Chaney Excavating, Schaefer's IGA Food Mart, Adam & Cassie Weber, Kurt & Jessica Keao Family, Kegley's Gunsmithing, Plummer Taxidermy, Charlie's Lake Metonga Resort, Travis & Winnie May, Palubicki's Eats & Treats, BC Cakes, Terry & Sue Samz, Aaron Samz Plumbing, Associated Bank, Parsons, Dan's Docks, Argonne Fire Department, Nicolet Staffing, Conway True Value, Main Street Ed's, Jim's Fabrication & Snow Removal, Rhinelander GM, Subway, CoVantage Credit Union, L. Gretzinger & Sons Construction, Brenda McKee, Chad McKee Logging, Antigo Candy Co. LLC, Janet & Steve Weber, Votis Tree Service.

**We would also like to thank everyone that  
attended the fundraiser to support all of our Youth  
teams. Also thank you to everyone that helped out  
on the night of the event to make it a successful  
night.**

**Thank you,  
Crandon Youth Basketball**

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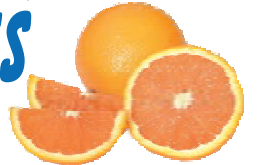
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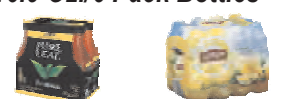
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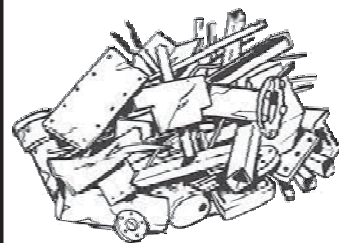
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**Martha (Marti) Nickel,** 94, of Crandon, WI, went to her heavenly home on February 7, 2023. Martha was born on November 11, 1928 in Ramsey County, North Dakota. She was the daughter of George and Irene (Wick) Schmitz.



The family moved from North Dakota to New Holstein, Wisconsin in 1933. She attended Holy Rosary Catholic School and graduated from New Holstein High School in 1946.

In 1951, she married Harold (Nick) Nickel at the Naval Airbase in Oceana Virginia. They lived there until Harold's discharge then moved to Evanston, Illinois until 1960, when they moved to Crandon. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and St. Joseph's Alter Society, the American Legion Auxiliary and a volunteer at the Forest County Museum and Crandon Nursing Home.

Martha loved being a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was an avid gardener and never saw a flower she didn't like. She enjoyed card making and the special time doing so with her daughters. Reading anything and everything was high on her list. One thing not high on her list was watching television, except watching the Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin football.

Marti is survived by her four children, Constance (Art) Tracy of Crandon, Pamela (Phil) Rau of Crandon, Bill (Debbie) Nickel of Marathon, FL and Patrick (Jennifer) Nickel of New Richmond; grandchildren, Jill (Brian) Wilson, Mark (Crista) Tracy, Kira Nickel, Andrew (Hillary) Nickel, Spencer (Samantha) Nickel, Jessica (Marko) Ljevar; and Matthew Jensen; and great-grandchildren, Blake, Nolan and Drew Wilson, Miles and Callen Tracy, Aria and Matthew Nickel, Elleighana, Lucija and Gabriella Ljevar.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold; sisters, Ruth McDonald and Violet Schuette; and brother, George Schmitz Jr.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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

**Beverly Bea Milfred,** age 68 of Cazenovia passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 11, 2023, surrounded by her family. Beverly was born on September 17, 1954, in Portsmouth, OH, to the late Clifford and Nora Queen. She was raised and grew up in Crandon, Wisconsin. On March 11, 1972, she was united in marriage to Michael Milfred and they were blessed with three sons.



Beverly touched the lives of many while she worked at the Sauk County Health Care Center for 33 years. She also helped run the Milfred Family Farm. While retired, she enjoyed working at Ma & Pa's Convenience Mart in Cazenovia. She was a very loving, caring, and generous woman who would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Beverly enjoyed being outdoors and her hobbies include gardening, decorating, feeding her birds, baking and cooking for her family and spoiling her grandchildren.

Beverly will be missed by her loving husband, Michael Milfred of Cazenovia, WI; three sons, Jeff (Frankie) Milfred of Cazenovia, WI, Peter (Sandra) Milfred of Juneau, WI, and Chad (Damaris) Milfred of Marshall, WI; her grandchildren, Kelsey, Peyton, Michael, Matthew, Avery, Steven and Sawyer; her great-grandchildren, Autumn, Aleah, Maddie, AJ and Justin; brothers, Terry, Taylor (Peggy), and Clifford Queen; brother-in-law, Lawrence Milfred; and sister-in-law, Sandy (Melvin) Smith; brothers, Terry, Taylor (Peggy), and Clifford Queen; brother-in-law, Lawrence Milfred; and sister-in-law, Sandy (Melvin) Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Eleanor; and brothers, Landon and Dalton.

The family is forever grateful to the staff at Agrace Hospice Care and to all family and friends who reached out in their time of need. To honor Beverly's wishes, there will be no funeral service.

Our beloved son, **Alexander Ezekiel Mackowski,** 36, passed away from a truck accident Wednesday morning, February 8, 2023, at TheDACare in Neenah, WI. He was born on December 2, 1986 in Rhinelander, WI at St. Mary's Hospital, as the best Christmas present in the world, to Debra (Krohn) and Mark Mackowski. He had one brother, Kenneth Frank Mackowski.



Alex attended Crandon Elementary School in which he participated in gymnastics, Little League on the Yankee's team and Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as well as helping with stage crew and lighting in drama. He also loved tearing apart his Yamaha Blaster. We bought him a Ford Ranger in which he spent lots of time "mudding" with his friends Danny Sheldon and Charles Guenther. He graduated from Crandon High School in 2005. In high school, he worked at Schaefer's and at Northern Lakes Service. After graduation, he attended Wyo Tech, Technical Institute in Wyoming to become an automotive and diesel mechanic and graduated with several certifications. Then he moved to Appleton and started working at Peotters Collision Center where he did car repair and drove a tow truck. Then he worked at Noltes repairing vehicles, painting and electrical work and was a Parts Manager. They would get military vehicles from Oshkosh Truck, which they would examine for problems. Alex took great pride in working on those vehicles for the men overseas to make sure they were perfect. He also worked at Ziebart, Pepsi and at the Winnebago County Shop. He loved working at the shop because he was able to work on many different vehicles. At times, he drove the snowplows. Later in life he bought a black Tahoe or "hoe" as he would call it, which he was planning on reaching 300 thousand miles with after he put in a new engine.

The major interests in Alex's life was being a mechanic and fixing things. He was one of those people who could fix anything. He started using a hammer when he was only 2 years old. Any mechanical object that broke down was given to Alex to take apart. Alex said he really began to learn about mechanisms when he received an electric remote control Traxxas truck at age 9, which he immediately began to modify.

He was becoming famous in our family for his homemade cheesecakes and barbeque since he loved to cook. Other interests included ice fishing on Lake Winnebago during Battle on Bago, tearing it up during the summer on his friend's cigarette boat, also going on family vacations to places such as South Dakota, Kentucky, and Walt Disney World.

Alex was a cofounder of a racing team called "IODA", or International Off-Road Drivers' Association with Milan Mazanec and Kelly Kuether. He was very excited about working with them this summer. He had been working with the Allies for Autism SODA racing team.

In the last five years Alex had many physical problems with his shoulders and neck after he suffered an accident on the job at Winnebago County Shop. He had five surgeries on his shoulders and two on his neck. He spent the last years on disability, which prevented him from working but he always found time and energy to help anyone needing his automotive skills.

Some of his dreams were to buy his own home with a shop where he could be his own boss and fix things the "best" way so it wouldn't have to be fixed again. He always wanted to be a racer with 4-wheelers or a race truck. He would do anything to help someone. He often would drive to someone whose car had broken down to help them. He was extremely kind to elderly people, helping them with whatever they needed without anyone asking him. Children were drawn to him and he especially loved his niece and nephews. In short, Alex was a wonderful man who was dearly loved. One of his greatest joys in life was having awesome friends whom he talked with often.

He is survived by his parents, Mark and Debra Mackowski; nana, Geraldine Mackowski; one brother, Kenneth Mackowski (Ashley Nelson); niece, Alexandria Mackowski; nephews; Carter, Parker, Jordy and Maverick Mackowski; Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Jerry Place; Uncle Edmund Mackowski (Sue); Aunt Geraldine Muszynski (Lenny Mahsen); Aunt Julianne Engel; Aunt Carrie (Tim) Schwonke; Uncle Mike (Becky) Mackowski; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Hildegard and Cecil Krohn, Dzia Edmund Mackowski; and uncle, Randy Krohn.

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. with the informal service to follow in which anyone may speak who wishes to. Visitation and service will be held at Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon, WI. Following services, a luncheon will be held at Lake Avenue Restaurant in Crandon.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Allies of Autism, W7415 Red Hawk Dr., Appleton, WI 54914. Allies of Autism was the name of the race team Alex worked with and loved for the past few years.

**Michael J. Moore,** of Laona, died on February 10, 2023 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 70 years old. He was born on June 2, 1952, in Laona, a son of Edward and Martha (Clinard) Moore. He married Donna Moore on June 27, 2003, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Mike worked for many years as a landscaper in the Fox Valley area. Following his retirement, he logged in Laona for a number of years before becoming the care taker of Birch Lake in Laona. He loved the north woods and everything it had to offer including hunting, fishing, and ruff camping near area lakes with his wife. He will be fondly remembered as a very loving husband, father, brother and friend to many.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; daughter, Krista Moore; sisters, Marlene Schmidt, Linda (Mike) Mentz and Kathryn Moore; brother, Thomas Moore; sister-in-law, Mary Moore; brothers-in-law, Tom (Corrine) Blaauw and James Blaauw; and sister-in-law, Shelby Blaauw; as well as many nieces, nephews and numerous friends.

He preceded in death by his parents, Sister Kay Wikman; brothers, Marvin Moore and Edward Moore Jr.; mother- and father-in-law, Andrew and Marjorie Blaauw; and brothers-in-law, Robert Schmidt and Doug Blaauw.

Visitation will be held Monday, February 20, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Weber-Hill Funeral Home in Crandon. Services will be at 11 a.m. at the Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Lawrence officiating. Burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Wabeno following services.

Online condolences can be made by visiting [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**Beverly Charlene Daniels,** also known as "Beas" or "Mama Jack"; Spirit name, "Gizhgokwe" "Woman of The Day," born on February 14, 1953 in the city of Green Bay, Wisconsin has passed away on January 31, 2023 in the Crandon, Wisconsin on the Stone Lake reservation.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Herb Ned Daniels Sr.; daughter, Danielle Daniels; parents, Clarence and Geraldine Stevens; brothers, Rollin "Rolly" Stevens, James "Jimmy" Stevens and Glen "Stein" Stevens; and sisters, Antoinette "Toni" Whitaker, Kathleen "Kate" Calkins, and Deborah "Deb" Stevens.

Her surviving family are sisters, Robin "Bird" Soldier, Roxanne "Rox" Katers, Jacqueline "Jack" Carter, and Eldora "Jeanie" Saldana; brothers, William "Buck" Stevens, Craig "Pork" (Amy) Stevens, Raphael "Ray" (Lyn) Stevens, Warren "Barn" (Lori) Stevens, and Quinton "Caveman" Stevens; and children, Kimmy Stevens, Klynt Brown, Seagram Stevens, Shawnaway Malone, Shashe Malone, John Malone, Herb Daniels Jr., Lynn Daniels, and Jack Daniels. She is further survived by 52 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Beverly worked in the FCP elderly department as a transporter, caretaker, and was a director of the elderly department.

Beverly was a very strong hearted, loving and caring woman who would help you if you were in need. She would always have a place for her loved ones friends and family and make sure you had food to eat. She took in and cared for many of her grandchildren after her career in elderly care, which helped keep her family together.

Native American services were held on Friday, February 3, 2023 at the Potawatomi Cultural Center, on the Stone Lake Reservation with Mr. Geronimo Powless officiating. Interment followed the Potawatomi Tribal Cemetery, Stone Lake Reservation. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

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**Shirley Anne (Sturzl) VanCleve**, passed peacefully into the arms of our Lord on February 9, 2023, surrounded by her family. Shirley was born July 30, 1933 in Laona, Wisconsin to the late Frank and Alice (Gruman) Sturzl.



Shirley was a devoted wife and mother who always put others first and welcomed all into her home. No one who came feeling lonely, hungry, or hurt, ever left still feeling that way. Her love for family and friends is what made her so special.

Shirley was a lifelong member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. She was also an avid Packers fan whose Packers parties are some of our favorite memories. She enjoyed casino trips with family and friends, where she may have dropped a few coins into the machines.

She is survived by her children, Tina Anderson, Amy (Bill) Krause, Bruce (Cindy) VanCleve, Ken (Lori) VanCleve, Keith (Joan) VanCleve, Bob (Sara) VanCleve and Jolene VanCleve (fiance Dave Ziolkowski); along with 22 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, seven great-great grandchildren; brother, Frank Sturzl, and sister-in-law, Kathy Sturzl. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee VanCleve; son, Billy; daughter, Lisa; granddaughter, Jan Anderson; great-grandson, Riley VanCleve; son-in-law, Bob Anderson; parents, Frank and Alice Sturzl; brothers, Ed, Ray, and Kenny Sturzl; sister, Jeanne Stranz; sisters-in-law, Peggy Sturzl and Sheila Sturzl; and brother-in-law, Allen Stranz.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023 from 9-11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Crandon. Funeral Mass will follow at 11 a.m. with Father Kennedy Gaspar officiating. Interment will be at the Laona Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.weberhillfuneralhome.com](http://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com).

**Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Feb. 20-24**

**Monday** - Cereal bars, pears, fruit juice, milk  
**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 Feb. 13-17**

**Monday** - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, pears, garden bar, milk  
**Tuesday** - Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, apple slices, garden bar, milk  
**Wednesday** - Sloppy joes, fries, mixed vegetable, grapes, garden bar, milk  
**Thursday** - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, berry cups, garden bar, milk  
**Friday** - No school

**Crandon Public Library news**

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**BIDS AND NOTICES**

**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
- 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
- No additional paperwork is needed

**School District of Wabeno Area Child Development Day**



The School District of Wabeno Area will be conducting developmental screening for young children living in the District who are ages 2 1/2 to 4 years old. Children will be screened through observation in a natural group setting. The screening will be held at Wabeno Elementary School on **Wednesday, March 1, 2023 from 8:00 - 5:00 P.M.**

If you have a child in this age range, please call the Elementary Office now at **715.473.3633** to schedule an appointment.

4K registration will also be held during these times for children turning 4 prior to September 1, 2023.

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To jump on board, just give me a call or send a text to 715-889-0859.

NOTE: We are considering a local Crandon area trip for shopping at local stores and other shops. Please contact us to show any interest in developing this service. ALSO, we are thinking about trips to the Nu-Roc facility so riders can visit residents there. We can also drop rider at other nursing facilities in any of our location to visit loved ones. Call me!

**\*\*\*NEW MONDAY TRIPS\*\*\***

**Thursday, Feb. 16:** Rhinelander

**Monday, Feb. 20:** Rhinelander

**Thursday, Feb. 23:** Rhinelander

**Monday, Feb. 27:** Antigo

**Forest County Commission on Aging**



**Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS**

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA**

**Monday - February 20** - BBQ pork, whole wheat hoagie, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, diced peaches, fig newton cookie

**Monday - February 27** - Chili with macaroni, crackers, cheddar cheese, mixed greens with dressing, apple slices

**CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK**

**Tuesday - February 21** - Cabbage rolls with tomato sauce, country trio veggie, whole wheat bread, pineapple, spice cake - **Mardi Gras**

**Tuesday - February 28** - Beef vegetable stew, biscuit, whole kernel corn, vanilla yogurt, berries

**CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO**

**Wednesday - February 22** - Cheesy rigatoni casserole, broccoli, sliced pickled beets, garlic breadstick, apple cake - **Ash Wednesday**

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

**Thursday - February 23** - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, cookie

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN FOREST COUNTY, WI**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN, at the Town of Lincoln Hall, located at **5376 County W, Crandon, WI 54520** on **Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 PM**, to discuss the possible rescinding of the town zoning ordinance and conveying jurisdiction of the town (including lands within and outside of the current shorelands zoning) to Forest County Zoning Department. If you are unable to attend, please send your comments to [townoflincolnwi@gmail.com](mailto:townoflincolnwi@gmail.com) or send letters to the address above.

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