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Laona High team places first at Nicolet High School Competition Day



A team of students from Laona High School students took home first place in the recent Business Jeopardy competition during the recent High School Competition Day at Nicolet College.
 During the event, students put their accounting, business management, marketing, interviewing, and Microsoft Office skills to the test.
 Winning team members were, left to right, Cameron Sorenson, Kaylyn LaRock, Gavin Connor, and Brady Shepard
 More than 200 students from 13 different high school took part in High School Competition Day, designed to give students a chance to explore careers and get a feel for Nicolet to see if it would be right for them. Students selected their area of competition from a slate of 13 different academic programs.



Laona/Wabeno Girls Basketball team heads to the State Championships



The Laona/Wabeno Girl's Basketball team is headed to state! This past Saturday, the Rebels took down Edgar 53-43 in Rhinelander. The #3 ranked Rebels will face off vs. the #2 ranked Blair/Taylor Wildcats on Friday morning around 10:45 at the Resch Center in Green Bay. They will play in the championship game at 11:05 on Saturday morning if they win. The games will be streamed online, or you can watch live on WAOW News Channel 9.
 There will be a pep rally on Thursday morning at the Laona High School at 9:30, and soon after, the ladies will receive a sendoff to get some practice time in at the Resch.
 The team comprises of two seniors, Grace Krawze and Kaylyn Larock; juniors Malerie Krawze, Rylee Yaeger, Makenzee Marvin; sophomores Ave Cleereman, Elise Villarin, Holly Gilligan, and Allison Albrecht; and freshmen Lily Terry and Precious VanZile. The head coach is Andrew Harrison, and Ashley Seiler, Tana VanZile, and Mike Richmond assist him.

Candidate Spotlight

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



Therese Brokmeier Candidate for Crandon School Board

Hello to all the parents, friends, and community members of the Crandon School District. My name is Therese Brokmeier and I am writing to inform you of my decision to be a School Board Candidate for the upcoming April 4th election and beyond if I am chosen.
 We know that making change needs to come from all of us and we must continue to help support our school in all areas. I am always available to discuss any topic or issue that affects our school and community. However, I will NEED your support every step of the way.

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Conservation Corner



My snow has fleas!

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.
 With the recent snows, I began noticing little black spots in my tracks. Upon closer examination, I saw that most of these black spots were moving. With further research, I learned that these black spots are commonly known as "snow fleas". They are not true fleas, but belong to a primitive group of insects known as springtails in the order Collembola. Springtails are among the most abundant of all soil-dwelling arthropods.
 Uniquely adapted to survival in cold temperatures, they are able to synthesize an anti-freeze like protein that allows them to function in sub-zero temperatures. During the rest of the year, these creatures simply blend in amongst fallen leaves where they scavenge upon decaying materials and help with nutrient recycling.
 Their flea-like common name is derived from their ability jump using a spring-like appendage called a furcula to propel themselves into the air. **Continued on page 13**

Nicolet/Wild Rivers Chapter 31st Annual Conservation Banquet



Nicolet/Wild Rivers Chapter 31st Annual Conservation Banquet is happening on Saturday, March 18th. It will be held at the Crandon Community Center at 601 Washington Street, in Crandon. The doors open at 5:15 p.m., and if you like grouse hunting and the fellowship of other grouse hunters, you should be there.
 Proceeds go towards conservation of forest wildlife and support for the local chapter.
 There will be good food, and plenty of prizes and items to bid on. After all, you can't have too many things around the house that are related to hunting and the outdoors, as well as hunting gear!
 A membership in the Ruffed Grouse Society is included in the \$60 ticket, and you can bring your wife for only \$85 total for the two tickets. A junior membership and ticket to the banquet for anyone age 17 and under is \$25.
 Beside being a fun and social event, you are helping support the habitat for northern Wisconsin's favorite game bird, the ruffed grouse.

Crandon High team places first at Nicolet High School Competition Day



A team of students from Crandon High School took home first place in the recent Health Occupations: Mind/Body Challenge during the recent High School Competition Day at Nicolet College.
 During the event students tested their skills in a wide variety of health and caregiving categories.
 Winning team members were, pictured left to right, Abby Adamski, Maya LeMaster, Madison Carlsson, and Ellie Jaeger.
 Each received a large gift basket with healthcare related items donated by local organizations and businesses.
 In all, more than 200 students from 13 different high school took part in High School Competition Day, designed to give students a chance to explore careers and get a feel for Nicolet to see if it would be right for them. Students selected their area of competition from a slate of 13 different academic programs.

Wabeno High School team places first at Nicolet High School Competition Day



A team of students from Wabeno High School teamed up to win the Criminal Justice Crime Scene Investigation competition at Nicolet College during the recent High School Competition Day.
 As a team, left to right, Elise Vianica Villarin, Cherish Erickson, Jade Sommer, and Cheyanne Blasing earned the top honor by demonstrating critical thinking skills to identify, collect and package evidence from a crime scene.
 More than 200 students from 13 different high school took part in High School Competition Day, designed to give students a chance to explore careers and get a feel for Nicolet to see if it would be right for them.

This big one didn't get away!



Walker Brass, from Summit Lake, ended his big fish season with this monster northern. He caught it by himself. It was 35" and 10 pounds.
 His grandpa, Kevin Brass, helped him get it out of hole after Walker tried to save it by sticking his hand in mouth. Needless to say.. his fingers have some cuts on them.




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**WABENO BAND STUDENTS
SOLO and ENSEMBLE 2023**

Wabeno Jr/Sr High band students traveled to Florence this morning to take part in the District Solo & Ensemble Festival. All students received a rating of First or Starred First meaning they qualify for the State Music Festival in Green Bay. Congratulations to the following:

JH Trumpet Trio--First (Payton Shampo, Isabelle Popp, and Stevie Kuczynski); JH Clarinet Quartet--First (Keira Godin, Everleigh Shepard, Alison Hansen, and Abigail Seeber); Clarinet Soloist Alison Hansen--First; HS Brass Quintet *First (Ozari Ventura Bishop, Treyton Schaefer, Joseph Lampereur, Ezekiel Sarratt, and Autumn Warden); HS Brass Quartet *First (Ezekiel Sarratt, Joseph Lampereur, Jedidiah Sarratt, and Lawton Webb); HS Sax Trio *First (Maddyson Calhoun, Braden Brauer, and Nathan Deer); Alto Sax Soloist Mitsuki Nelson *First



**Solo &
Ensemble
2023**



Nicolet AARP Chapter 1191



AARP Chapter 1191 is a social group which meets in Lakewood. Meetings are social and informative held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Presbyterian Church at 1:30 P.M. Meetings starting in April will start at 7:00 P.M.

The speaker for February's meeting was Bobbi Knaus who shared about the many services of "Oconto County Commission on Aging."

The Elderly Benefit program provides advocacy and assistance to Oconto County residents, age 60 and older, with issues related to benefits, entitlement programs and legal services. There are no charges for these services.

The "Nutrition" program has meal sites in seven locations. Suggested donation for meals is \$4.00, for home delivery and at sites.

The "Transportation" program runs Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additional programs deal with caregiving, equipment loans, document copies and monthly foot clinics. Call Bobbi for more information at 920-8347707 or 1-800-6496568.

Do join AARP at the next meeting March 28th. All are welcome at no cost. If you wish to join and use AARP, the cost is \$4.00 yearly.

Call Janice Tetzlaff, Membership Chairman, at 920-323-6734.

Photo: Ken Huspek, Bobbi Knaus and Cindy Bronold
Submitted by Richard J. Culver, Public Relations Chairman




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Saturday, March 25th
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Crandon International Offroad Raceway nominated for a Governor's Tourism Award

Dear Crandon International Offroad Raceway, Congratulations! You have been nominated for a Governor's Tourism Award in the Legacy category.

The Governor's Tourism Awards recognize individuals and organizations that turn BIG dreams into exceptional results, leaving a lasting impact on Wisconsin's tourism industry.

Please join us to celebrate your nomination at two special events in your honor during the 2023 Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Tourism, March 12-14 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay.

The Governor's Tourism Awards Recognition Breakfast Tuesday morning highlights the hard work and achievements of each nominee. Tourism's biggest fan, Governor Tony Evers, will share remarks and take photos with the nominees for each category. We hope you will attend so we can personally recognize you for being nominated.

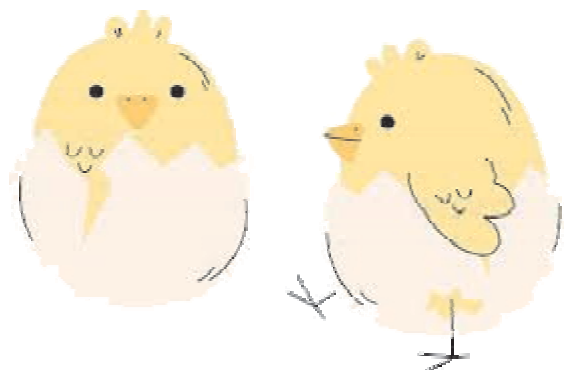
Governor's Tourism Awards recipients will be announced at the Governor's Dinner and Awards Celebration on Tuesday evening. Recipients are selected by a committee made up of members of the Wisconsin Council on Tourism and Wisconsin Arts Board. The awards dinner is always a highlight of WIGCOT and this year special guest John McGivern, known for his Emmy-award winning work on John McGivern's Main Streets and Around the Corner with John McGivern on PBS, will be our host.

I am pleased to extend an invitation to attend WIGCOT 2023 on Tuesday, March 14 as our guest. The complimentary registration includes the Governor's Tourism Awards Recognition Breakfast, all Tuesday WIGCOT presentations and the Governor's Dinner and Awards Reception. Please contact Krista Elias at kelias@travelwisconsin.com or 608-264-8180 to register and let us know what events you plan to attend so we have a VIP spot reserved for you.

More information and a full conference agenda are available online at WIGCOT2023.

Again, congratulations on your nomination. Nominees are submitted by industry peers, which is a testament to the impression you have made on the industry. We are pleased to recognize you for your contributions and thank you for your continued efforts to do BIG things for the Wisconsin tourism industry.

Sincerely,
 Anne Sayers
 Secretary-designee
 Wisconsin Department of Tourism



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.

Crandon Library offers the Drop-in Gardening Series

The Crandon Public Library is hosting a Drop-In Gardening Series on Friday mornings in February and March from 9 a.m. to Noon, on these dates: February 24th, March 3rd, and 10th.

Stop by and chat with Forest County Master Gardeners. Special topics each week. This is not a class; anyone is welcome to stop by in the lower level of the library meeting room.


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Final details set for Musky Seminar March 25 and April 1 at Nicolet College

The many tactics to catch one of the most prized gamefish in northern Wisconsin will be the focus when the Outdoor Adventure program at Nicolet College holds its Musky Seminar March 25 and April 1.

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

Participants can attend one or both days with the seminar running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday in Northwoods Center 208 and 209 on the Nicolet Campus.

Ten different presentations are planned for the two-day event with numerous new topics that focus on how and when to use a variety of different musky baits.

"We've decided to go all-in with specific lure techniques and secrets," Heiting said. "Musky fishermen love buying new lures, and our seminars are geared toward helping students bring out their lures' magic."

Along with video of how each lure should behave when it is in the water, discussion and instruction will also delve into rod and reel handling techniques to get the desired action in any given bait.

Lures covered in the seminar will include topwaters, bucktails, minnowbaits and crankbaits, jerkbaits, soft plastics, and live bait.

Other topics include how prime musky locations change throughout the season, how to catch muskies from the back of the boat, exploring new musky waters, along with a presentation for beginners on the basics of musky fishing and proper landing and release techniques.

Each session will last approximately one hour and include a question-and-answer segment.

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

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

Cost is \$60 for one day and \$100 for both days. Lunch and the chance at door prizes, including two St. Croix musky rods, are included in the registration fee.

To register, visit nicoletoa.tix.com or call (715) 365-4544.

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 Matthew 11:28

Saturday, March 18th from 1-5 p.m.

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Sunday, March 19th from 2-5 p.m.

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31st Annual Conservation Banquet

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Crandon Senior Spotlight - Nash Zahn



Nash Zahn, son of Shirley and Eric Zahn, said his best memory from this year was being crowned the Winterfest King. He enjoyed the girls' basketball game and being announced at halftime. He is also proud of being involved in drama club. They competed in regionals and sectionals.

In the past twelve years, he has learned to

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work hard and try his best. Be kind to others.

He will be an intern at Rhinelander hospital through Project Search next year. After that, he plans to go to college.

He would like to thank his parents, Mrs. Sweo (one of his teachers), Janet Weber (his care manager) and Mrs. and Mrs. Plank (his music teachers).

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This is the Crandon High School back in 1908. That is the date of the postmark on the other side of the card. The gym was added to the south side in 1939. It is obvious that the school is still under construction when this photo was taken. Back in 1908 they would have been shocked to learn that the school was added on to twice and eventually shut down for a new school on the big hill west of Crandon. But, the now old building did its job educating young people from Crandon, and later on from Argonne, Hiles, the Mole Lake area, and parts of Pickerel. Seems it was a good investment.



This photo of the school was taken after the gym was added in 1939. Now, instead of having to play basketball games in the old Woodmen Hall, there was a nice modern gym to play in and hold other events, like graduation. The new additions were no doubt necessary for the continuing education of the young people, but they certainly ruined the looks of this lovely old school.

REMINDER:

TIME CHANGE

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- CITY OF CRANDON POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF ERIC BATH**
- CPD February Activity Report:**
- 5 - Accident(s)
 - 1 - Alarm Call(s)
 - 3 - Animal Incident(s)
 - 1 - Assault/Battery (1 ARREST)
 - 11 - Assists to Citizens/Motorists/Business
 - 9 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept.
 - 4 - Assists to Forest County Sheriff's Dept. (Drugs/K9 Deployment)
 - 4 - Assist Other Agency
 - 2 - Assist Rescue
 - 1 - Dangerous Drug/Drug Para. And/or Poss. (1 CITATION)
 - 1 - Death Notification
 - 1 - Disorderly Conduct/Fight(s)
 - 2 - Domestic Dispute/Disturbance
 - 2 - Fraud/Scam Incident(s)
 - 1 - Gas Drive-Off Incident(s)
 - 4 - Harassment/Threat Incident(s)
 - 19 - Health/Safety/Welfare Incident(s)/911 Calls
 - 1 - Identity Theft
 - 2 - Intoxicated Subject Incident(s)
 - 1 - Lost/Missing Property Incident(s)
 - 1 - Obstruct/Resist/Flee Officer Incident(s) (1 ARREST)
 - 1 - O.W.I. (1 ARREST/ 2 CITATIONS)
 - 1 - Parking Complaint
 - 2 - Probation/Parole Violation(s) (2 ARRESTS)
 - 1 - Property Damage Complaint(s)
 - 1 - Property Dispute Incident(s)
 - 15 - Security Checks--Businesses/Residences
 - 2 - Sexual Abuse/Assault or Possible Sexual Abuse/Assault Incident(s)
 - 6 - Snow Emergency Parking Violation(s) (1 CITATION)
 - 1 - Snowmobile Incident(s)
 - 7 - Suspicious Person/Activity/Package/Vehicle Incident(s)
 - 2 - Theft/Possible Theft Incident(s)
 - 3 - Traffic/Driving/Parking Incident(s)
 - 6 - Vehicle Lockout(s)
 - 1 - Vehicle Theft(s)
 - 1 - Violation of Court Order
 - 2 - Warrant Arrest(s)/Apprehension Request(s) (2 ARRESTS)
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**The School District of Crandon
2023-2024 Support Staff Vacancies**

The School District of Crandon is seeking applicants for the following support staff positions to being in the 2023-2024 school year.

More information for these vacancies can be found on the School District of Crandon's website under District Employment Opportunities.

- (2) Elementary Special Education Paraprofessionals
- Elementary IMC Aide

Application Deadline: March 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Application Submission Materials: Cover Letter, Resume and Three Letters of Recommendation.

Submit applications materials to the District Office, Attention: Larry Palubicki, District Administrator, School District of Crandon at 9750 U.S. Highway 8 W, Crandon, WI 54520 or apply on WECAN.

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Co-Curricular Vacancies

Internal and External
School District of Crandon
2/27/2023

The School District of Crandon is seeking coaches for the following:

Assistant Baseball Coach
Wage for this position will be \$1,500.00 per year

Head Softball Coach
Wage for this position will be \$2,500.00 per year

This position will be contingent upon participation numbers. The District reserves all rights to not hire the position posted, should participation numbers not warrant a coach.

All person interested in these positions should submit a written application to the District Office.
Attention: Brady Weber, Activities Director
9750 US Highway 8 W
Crandon, WI 54520
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Deadline: March 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

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**The School District of Crandon
2023-2024 Teaching Vacancies**

The School District of Crandon is seeking applicants for the following teaching positions to being in the 2023-2024 school year.

- 4K Teacher
- Kindergarten Teacher
- (2) Elementary Teachers Anticipated grade 3 and grade 4
- Elementary Early Childhood Special Education Teacher
- Elementary Special Education Teacher
- Elementary Art Teacher
- Middle School Special Education Teacher
- High School Science Teacher (Biology)
- Middle/High School Intellectual Disabilities Teacher
- Band/Choir Teacher

Application Deadline: March 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Application Submission Materials: Cover Letter, Resume, Transcripts, Proof of DPI License or work towards a license and Three Letters of Recommendation.

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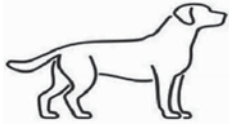
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Monday, March 13: Rhinelander

Thursday, March 16: Antigo

Monday, March 20: Rhinelander

Thursday, March 23: Rhinelander

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Thursday, March 30: Rhinelander

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Monday - March 20 - Sloppy joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, grape salad

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Tuesday - March 21 - Kielbasa with sauerkraut, German potato salad, peas, whole wheat bread, pineapple

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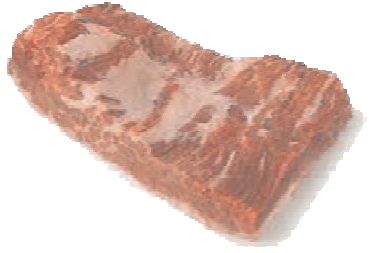
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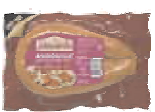
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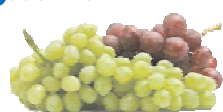
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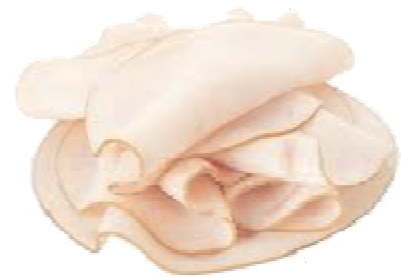
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Roger F. Cronce joined his relatives and friends in heaven on Thursday, March 2, 2023. Roger will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.



Roger was born to Mildred and Edward Cronce on March 13, 1935 in Crandon, Wisconsin. He attended school in Crandon and graduated from Crandon High School in 1953, then joined the United States Army initially based in Colorado, then Germany and England. He married Sharon Sundberg and moved to Milwaukee where they raised their three children.

In Milwaukee, Roger had a successful 34-year career as a member of the Sheet Metal Workers Union, starting as an apprentice, journeyman, then through hard work became the Job Foreman working on many larger commercial HVAC building projects around the Milwaukee area. Roger was well-respected in his field.

After the death of his first wife of 29 years and mother of his children, Sharon Sundberg, Roger retired to Crandon and eventually married Edith "Goldie" Dorau. They were married for 30 years and enjoyed wintering in Florida, travel, working on genealogy, and spending many fun times with their family and friends. He remained married to Goldie until her death and enjoyed a loving and caring relationship.

Roger enjoyed spending time outside, including hunting, fishing, and gardening. He always had a project he was working on: building a deck, a fireproof sheet metal storage box for their genealogy research, and a large cedar closet in the basement for Goldie's seasonal clothing, and other projects too numerous to mention.

Roger was a wonderful, loving, caring husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather, and friend. He will be very much missed by his children and all who knew him.

Survivors include his children, Dan Cronce, Steve (Allison) Cronce, and Melisa (Dan) Jungen; step-son, Fred Dorau; grandchildren, Sarah Cronce, Catherine (Peter) Herbert, Jane (Steve) Knoblock, Joseph Jungen, Jenna Jungen; great-grandchildren, Daniel Narvaez, Malina Cronce and Juliana Cronce; and great-great-grandson Kyrie Narvaez.

He is also survived by brother, Barry (Sue) Cronce; sisters, Ardyce Duff, Jenny Bradley, and Kathy Palmer; brother-in-law from first marriage, Bill Sundberg; many cherished nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Edith "Goldie" Mae Cronce (Radliff); previous wife, Dorothy Sharon Cronce (Sundberg); daughter-in-law, Colette Cronce; step-son, Gene Dorau; brothers, Edward Cronce and Jerry Cronce; and sister, Dolores Tyrell.

A memorial service with military honors will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Crandon with Pastor Francois Mukosa officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Church service will follow at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial gifts in Roger Cronce's name to the American Lung Association <https://www.lung.org/>

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made by visiting <https://www.weberhillfuneralhome.com>.

Raymond Albert Hamilton

of Pelican Lake, passed away at the age of 83 on February 28, 2023. He was born on January 11, 1940 in Mulberry, Kansas. He married his bride Bernice Johnson on June 8, 1963 in Southern California.

Ray was an avid golfer and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family. Every football season he could be found cheering on the Packers with his pooch on his lap. He was very proud of his involvement with the Crandon Lodge #287 Freemasons Brotherhood and was past Worshipful Master. He attended services at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Crandon.

Ray worked for many years in the propane business and after retirement spent time working with a few local companies that he enjoyed immensely. He was involved with several off-road race teams and traveled with them throughout the country.

Survivors include his wife, Bernice; daughter, Lori (John) Hilson of Brookfield, Ct; son, Scott of Summit Lake, WI; son, Ray Jr. of Harrison, Arkansas; 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Larena Hamilton; sisters, Daphyn Darlington, Sharon Youell, Velda Rickert and Barbara Dickerson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com



Lori Ann Faledas passed on to eternal life with her Lord Jesus in heaven on March 1, 2023, after a several decades-long battle with Multiple Sclerosis (MS). She was 61 years old and had just celebrated her 42nd wedding anniversary.



Born Lori Ann Wolczewski on September 14, 1961 to Aloysius and Gertrude (nee Raszeja) Wolczewski of Greenfield, WI, she married the love of her life, Micheal Wayne Faledas from Crandon, WI on February 21, 1981. Micheal was, and still is, her forever soul-mate and you rarely saw one without the other. Together they raised a beautiful daughter, Crystal Lynn Faledas, in Greenfield, where they could be close to Lori's family. They maintained a summer home in Crandon where they created many happy memories.

Lori was kind, generous, and very well loved. She got a kick out of inside jokes and had a contagious smile. Despite the challenges she faced with MS, Lori focused on the positive and beautiful things in her life. She surrounded herself in nature. She had a vast knowledge of plants, flowers, and gardening. She loved watching song birds at the feeders and driving through the park. Lori was a compassionate animal advocate, a trait she passed on to her daughter, Crystal, who developed a fulfilling career working with animals. Although Lori loved all animals big and small, she held a special place in her heart for the Pomeranians she had over the years and for several neighborhood cats that she cared for. Whether animals, children, family, or friends, Lori found joy in making others feel special and making their lives brighter.

For many years, Lori looked forward to the summer months when she and Micheal would visit the Greenfield Farmers Market. Many of the market vendors eagerly watched for her each weekend so they could share a laugh together and exchange goodies, as Lori often brought homemade treats for her favorites. Lori was an enthusiastic baker and cook and never let anyone leave her house on an empty stomach. She upheld many family traditions, including an annual cookie party that brought family and friends together each Christmas.

Lori was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Allan; and brother-in-law, Dale. She is survived by her husband, Micheal; daughter, Crystal (Josh); brother, David (Shari); sister, Melody, Anna (Peter), and Donna (Bob); beloved, nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

The family is planning a spring service in Crandon to celebrate her life. To help ensure the funeral pays tribute to Lori, the family is humbly requesting financial support for funeral expenses instead of flowers. Please consider visiting the gofundme to help the family with funeral expenses and honoring Lori this spring by copying and pasting this link: <https://gofund.me/7b271d24>

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

On February 12, 2023, **Frances (Calhoun) Menting**, age 76, went to the loving Lord. She was born on November 16, 1946 to Ivan (Kylie) and Ethel Calhoun.

Francie married John Menting Sr. at Saint Leonard's Church in Laona, Wisconsin. Francie worked for a short time at Connor Furniture Factory. Francie and John had 5 children, Monica (Kim) Wesenberg of Oconomowoc, WI, John Jr, Pam (Jeff) Sachse of Nicholasville, KY, Kyle (Christine) Menting of Windsor, CO, and Craig (Rachel) Menting of Kiel, WI.

She loved being a grandmother to her 7 grandchildren, Amanda (Joe) Sachse, Kylie (Joe) Wilkiewicz, Randi (Kyle) Sears, Ryan, Brenna, Madison, and Mariah Menting. Francie also had 3 great grandchildren, Jaryn, Carmen and Kyle Jr.

Francie is further survived by siblings; David (Darlene) Calhoun of Laona, WI, Pete (Yongie) Calhoun of Howard's Grove, WI, Kathy (Pat) Dudley of Glen Flora, WI, and Joe Calhoun of Wausau, WI, as well as many nieces, nephews and close friend Robin Bytell.

Francie was preceded in death by her parents, Kylie and Ethel, her husband John Sr, her son, John Jr. and her grandson, Adam.

Francie enjoyed bowling in her younger years, and was Elvis Presley's biggest fan, you could find her listening to Elvis or her favorite song, "Every rose has its thorn" by Poison. Mostly, she enjoyed shopping and having coffee (or wine) with her grandchild and best friend, Randi. Francie was also a long time member of St. Leonard's Church. Many that knew Francie had to be on their toes as she was never afraid to voice her thoughts at anytime so one never knew what she might say! She will be missed by many that she was close to.

The family would like to thank Bellin Hospital and Unity Hospice for the care they gave our mother, sister, and grandmother during her final days with us. Additionally we'd like to thank Simply Cremation for taking care of the cremation.

We will have a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Kenneth Kirker, 92, of Crandon, WI passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 5, 2023, at his granddaughter's house surrounded by family. Kenneth was born November 17, 1930, in Argonne, the son of William and Ethel (Codd) Kirker.



Ken's life started with humble beginnings on a 40-acre farm in Argonne. If you sat with Ken, he could tell of how Argonne once was a thriving metropolis with its grocery stores, multiple gas stations, and local creamery to which the Kirker children would often take buckets of cream to make some cash. At a very young age, their mother passed away and Ken left school after 8th grade and set off to work to help support the younger siblings.

His first job was in a cannery in Sturgeon Bay, which seemed very far from home back in the day. Later, he went to work on ships that were navigating the Great Lakes. The three main ships he was aboard were the Norm B. Ream, the Leon Fraser, and the George A. Sloan. He loved working on the lakes but another love came into his life which led to marriage and children. So Ken left the lakes to work for Conners in Laona. After years of working in the Laona mill, Ken switched jobs to work for the Rhinelander paper mill because he and his wife Joan bought a working dairy farm from Ed and Frieda Wagoner. His farming life included his passions for riding horses, driving tractors, and planting a giant garden. The farm was also a place where Ken and Joan could raise their children and welcome their grandchildren for many summers. Ken lived out the rest of his days on his beloved farm.

Surviving are his daughters, Katherine Carpenter of Argonne, Patricia Kirker of Mexico, Alicia (Grant) Bradley of Crandon and Mary Beth (Dave) Desens of Fredonia; son, Kenneth (Belinda) Kirker Jr.; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Cora and Mildred; brothers, Bill, Jackie, Larry, Bobby, Benny; and a great-grandchild, Austin.

Services will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Argonne United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Dewing officiating. Burial to follow at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to the time of service.

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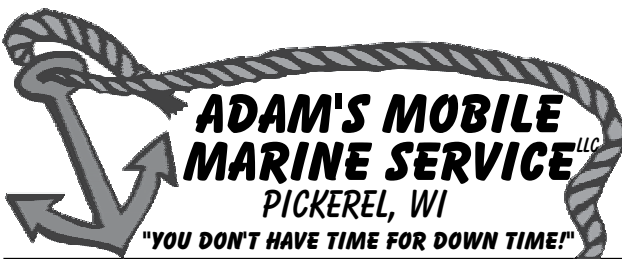


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Auditions for Nicolet Players' Steel Magnolias Mar. 26 and 27

Roles for six powerhouse women are available when the Nicolet Players holds auditions March 26 and 27 for the heart-warming classic Steel Magnolias.

"This is a show that I have laughed and cried at multiple times, but have yet to direct," shared Director K. Woodzick. "It truly is a love letter to actresses of all ages."

Auditions for Steel Magnolias will take place Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Nicolet College Theatre located in the Lakeside Center on the Rhinelander campus.

As always, everyone is welcome to audition. Those interested do not need any acting experience and they do not need to be Nicolet students. No preparation is required, but actors are strongly encouraged to read the script beforehand. Interested individuals need to audition only one night but may elect to attend both nights. New to this round of auditions is an optional online sign-up at NicoletLive.com on the Auditions page.

Steel Magnolias is one of the most recognizable titles in theatre. The play by Robert Harding is based on experiences around his sister's death and the independent Louisiana women who supported his family throughout that experience. All the action of the play happens in Truvy's Beauty Spot, the local salon. Audiences are also likely familiar with the 1989 movie starring Sally Field, Julia Roberts, and Dolly Parton. This will be the second time that the Nicolet Players have produced this play.

Scripts are available for a three-day checkout from the service desk on the third floor of the Richard J. Brown Library, located in the Lakeside Center.

The play needs six actresses to build a strong ensemble that switches swiftly from comedic to dramatic moments, Woodzick explained.

"My biggest piece of advice is to come to auditions with an open heart, a sense of play, and focus on connecting with other actors when you read from the script," she said. "Experience is not necessary, but willingness to try new things and be part of a team are mandatory."

Rehearsals start the first week of April. The rehearsal schedule will be comprised of weekday evening rehearsals to be held three to four times a week.

Public performances are scheduled for May 19 to 21 and 25 to 28, with Sunday performances at 2 p.m. and all others at 7:30 p.m.

More information about the play, including a detailed list of characters and further recommendations and resources for auditions, are available at nicoletlive.com. Anyone with questions can also contact K. Woodzick at kwoodzick@gmail.com.

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Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

Snow fleas do not bite and are harmless to humans and wildlife. They feed on decaying plant material and bacteria in the soil. Although present throughout the year, they are most likely to be noticed when they are crawling about on white snow.

Once the snow flea senses things are beginning to thaw, it moves from its mud-bound home to feed on algae and fungi in snow. If you have a compost pile in your background, chances are you've seen them.

They have no interest in humans. They have no interest in your pets. They may prefer things really, really dead.

They are very much important in our ecosystem to distribute the nutrients ... and they can help to keep the microbes' populations in check.

Snow fleas along with a myriad of other minute soil insects, fungi and microbes are an important component of healthy soil. Unseen but vital; Dr. Andrew Moldenke a researcher at Oregon State University once noted "Every time you take a step in a mature Oregon forest, your foot is being supported on the backs of 16,000 invertebrates held up by an average of 120,000 legs." It is much the same here in northern Wisconsin.

Occasionally, in dry weather periods, snow fleas may migrate into homes and other outbuildings. Although they don't pose any threat to the structures or inhabitants, their presence may be cause for concern.

These creatures are truly a winter curiosity if you haven't encountered them before. The next time you're out snowshoeing or cross-country skiing, keep an eye out for these tiny acrobats on the snow.

Candidate Spotlight Cont. from pg. 1

I would like to share a little about myself and my family. My husband Greg was born and raised in Argonne, attended Crandon School District K-12th, graduating in 2003. Greg is currently employed at Forest County Potawatomi. Greg and I bought an Argonne home in 2009 where we are raising all three of our boys. This year all three are attending Crandon School together! I was born and raised in Milwaukee until my family moved to Rhinelander in 1999. I attended Rhinelander High School from which I graduated in 2003. I attended Nicolet Area Technical College and UW-Green Bay to obtain my RN and BSN respectively. For the past 12 years I have worked as a Labor and Delivery Nurse at our local hospital in Rhinelander, Aspirus Health.

I have always been a parent who wants to be involved with school activities, or have my children involved. At times my career does not allow me to be involved in all aspects of school and church in which I have talent and interest, but after several fellow parents encouraged me to run for school board, I just had to step up to the plate! As a member of the school board, I will be able to support and uphold current policies and practices as well as instrumental in implementing positive change while continuing to support our school and community. I know at times there will be challenges to overcome, but working together we can accomplish anything!

I want to be a member of the Crandon School Board to support continued improvement in the district in all areas. If change is not needed, then I want to be there to support the process that is in motion. I want to join in the necessary, and often difficult, conversations that will lead to new resolutions. I believe we can achieve everything together. Real, lasting change should be accomplished together! If elected as a school board member, I want to come together with our community, parents, and friends of the district to continue to make it and our families the best! We ultimately all want the same goal.. right? We want our children to attend a safe school that has great educators; a school that is warm and inviting for all that walk through the door.

April 4th will come fast!! Mark your calendars with this day to vote, this will be a write in election.



BIDS AND NOTICES

**School District of Wabeno Area
Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2023
High School Library – Wabeno Jr./Sr. High School**

School Board President, Dave Seeber, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Board members present: Dave Seeber, Katryna VanEperen, Trinity Shepard, Dawn Jakubiec, Janet Opiela, Lori Mattern, and Dan Christianson. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services. Others Present: Teresa Romprey, Kathy DeBoth, Tom DeBoth, Lee Mattern

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats.19.84(2))).
Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion made by Lori Mattern seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 7 to 0.

Public Participation: Kathy DeBoth talked about the FACE program how it has come full circle in the few years she's been here. Currently, some are working on cupcake wars and hand-sewing. The child development students are digging into teen pregnancy and the empathy belly this week. The pathways that we've worked to create the last couple years have been so successful. The students have such creativity and expression in their work. We even have a student who was accepted into Culinary Arts School.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Impact Aid Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion made by Janet Opiela seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes of January 4, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 84408 to 84523 for \$263,902.69 and payroll checks 900047504 to 900047712 for \$228,056.65, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$141,127.12. Carried 7 to 0.

Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. Bob thanked Mrs. Hanmann and Mrs. Brauer for helping with all the IEPs while Mrs. Cleereman was on maternity leave.

The Board commended/thanked the following:
-School staff for putting together the winter fun day for the students. Feedback was very good.

Students were well behaved and represented the school well.
Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) end of fall semester report regarding progress made on growth initiatives were discussed.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the girls' and boys' varsity overnight basketball trips to WI Dells February 11-12, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve Taylor Westmayer's resignation from Title VI Elementary Math Tutor Facilitator with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to approve Kathy DeBoth's retirement/ resignation from School Librarian-Informational Media Specialist/FACE Teacher with many thanks from the board. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Sarah Sarratt as Title VI Elementary Math Tutor Facilitator. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Janet Opiela seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve Shelly Grubert-Dotson as Director of Pupil Services effective July 1, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Lori Mattern to approve Dean Pietrantonio as Part-Time Elementary Aide. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve Dan Moravec as Asst. Baseball Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve John Twardowski as Asst. Track Coach. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Trinity Shepard to approve the state wrestling overnight trip to Madison February 23-26, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Trinity Shepard seconded by Janet Opiela to approve an additional emergency day for 12 month employees and 9 month support staff employees retroactive to January 17, 2023. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the gas bus quote from Wisconsin Bus Sales. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Lori Mattern to go into closed session at 6:40 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f). Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

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.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Lori Mattern to return to open session at 6:58 P.M. to announce or take action, if any, and if appropriate on items discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Janet Opiela, yes; Lori Mattern, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; and Dan Christianson, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

Motion by Lori Mattern seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve sick leave payout for bus driver retiring at end of school year. Carried 7 to 0.

Discussion of Establishing Dates for Future Board Meetings and Establish Future Agenda Items. No substantive discussion will occur concerning future agenda items.

-March and April meetings will be at 6:45 due to Lent.
-March 1, 2023 agenda items: bus driver wages, substitute bus driver wages, 2023-2024 calendar proposal for all staff.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

Trinity Shepard, District Clerk

**Wabeno School
Breakfast Menu
Mar. 13 - 17**

Monday - Breakfast sandwiches, apple sauce, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Scrambled eggs, bacon, tator tots, peaches, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Early risers, apple sauce cups, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Belgium waffles, yogurt, sausage patty, strawberries, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Assorted cereal, yogurt, banana, fruit juice, milk

**Wabeno School
Lunch Menu
Mar. 13 - 17**

Monday - Salisbury steak, mashed potato, broccoli, pears, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Taco bar, Spanish rice, corn, apple slices, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - Sloppy Joe, fries, mixed vegetables, grapes, garden bar, milk

Thursday - Popcorn chicken, buttered noodles, carrots, berry cups, garden bar, milk

Friday - Spaghetti, meat sauce/marinara, bread stick, grapes, California blend, garden bar, milk

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month

March is Endometriosis Awareness Month, and Aspirus Health wants women to be aware of important health symptoms they should not ignore.

Endometriosis is a condition in which the tissue that forms the lining of the uterus (the endometrium) is found outside the uterus. It's most common in women in their 30s and 40s, but endometriosis can happen in anyone with menstrual periods. According to the Office on Women's Health (OWH), researchers believe it may affect at least 11 percent of women.

Diagnosis & Treatment

The condition can cause a myriad of uncomfortable symptoms, including chronic pelvic pain, painful bowel movements, heavy menstrual bleeding, pain during intercourse, digestive problems and infertility.

"If someone is experiencing pelvic pain of any kind, especially during and around menstrual time, when using the bathroom and/or during intercourse, they should discuss with their OB/GYN," says Evon Schexnaydre, MD, Board Certified OB/GYN at Aspirus Rhinelander Clinic – N Shore Dr. "It could be a sign that something else is going on, since endometriosis symptoms can mimic other conditions, so it's best to come in for an exam so we can determine a proper diagnosis and next steps for treatment."

Treatment options vary and depend on the extent of the disease and the symptoms, and whether the patient wants to grow their family. Endometriosis may be treated with medication, surgery, or both. When pain is the primary problem, medication usually is tried first.

"Medication may include pain medications, birth control to prevent menstrual cycles and reduce the amount of menstrual bleeding when a period occurs, or special medications to suppress the ovaries from ovulating and menstrual bleeding temporarily. In some cases, surgery is needed but should be discussed with your provider," explained Dr. Schexnaydre.

Risk Reduction

Endometriosis cannot be prevented, but there are ways to lower estrogen levels, the hormone that helps to thicken the lining of your uterus during your menstrual cycle, and reduce the chances of developing the condition. To keep lower estrogen levels in your body, OWH offers the following suggestions:

- Talk to your provider about hormonal birth control methods, such as pills, patches or rings with lower doses of estrogen.

- Exercise regularly (more than four hours a week). This will also help you keep a low percentage of body fat. Regular exercise and a lower amount of body fat help decrease the amount of estrogen circulating through the body.

- Avoid large amounts of alcohol. Alcohol raises estrogen levels. No more than one drink per day is recommended for women who choose to drink alcohol.

- Avoid large amount of drinks with caffeine. Studies show that drinking more than one caffeinated drink a day, especially sodas and green tea, can raise estrogen levels.

The bottom line? If anyone with a menstrual period is experiencing any endometriosis symptoms, they should talk with their OB/GYN promptly. For more information or to find an Aspirus OB/GYN, visit www.aspirus.org/obstetrics-gynecology.

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National Sleep Awareness Week is March 12-18

When Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins on March 12, people across the country will set their clocks forward and lose an hour of slumber. As the sun begins to set later in the evening and the sight of spring peeks through after the long winter months, one hour of sleep seems like an easy trade-in.

However, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) warns that the one-hour loss can throw off the body's internal clock, or circadian rhythm, and have negative health and safety effects in the days that follow. The circadian rhythm is a 24-hour cycle that is closely aligned with the sun's daily cycle. It regulates sleep and other key bodily functions such as body temperature, appetite, digestion, and mood. During DST, the local clock time changes, but the timing of sunrise and sunset remains the same. This causes a misalignment between your body clock, the sun time, and local clock time.

"An abruption to the circadian rhythm can affect physical, mental, and behavioral processes. For the body to reset each day and receive high quality sleep, our internal clock relies on the light-darkness cycle to release a hormone that makes the body feel tired and sleepy called melatonin," says Kate Blaubach, AspirusPolysomnographic Technologist. "On the days leading up to the time change, it's important to practice good sleep hygiene."

The AASM suggests taking the following steps to help your body prepare for the time change:

Get at least seven hours of sleep (for adults) or eight hours of sleep (for teens) per night before and after the time change. You can use the AASM's bedtime calculator to identify an appropriate nightly bedtime.

Gradually adjust your sleep and wake times. Shift your bedtime 15 to 20 minutes earlier each night for a few nights before the springtime change, or 15 to 20 minutes later each night for a few nights before the fall time change. (If you are experiencing chronic insufficient sleep, you should avoid shifting your bedtime later before the fall time change; you will benefit from getting an "extra" hour of sleep on the night when you "fall back" to standard time.)

Adjust other daily routines — such as mealtimes — to match your new schedule prior to the time change.

Set your clocks to the new time on Saturday evening and go to bed at your normal bedtime.

Use light and darkness to help your body adjust. In the spring, head outside for some sunlight on Sunday morning and dim the lights in the evening. In the fall, minimize light exposure until your target morning wake time. Adjusting your exposure to light and darkness will help set your body clock, which regulates the timing of sleep and alertness.

Get plenty of sleep on Sunday night to ensure you're rested and ready for the week ahead.

If you continue to feel fatigued long after the time change, ask your health care provider if a sleep study is needed to determine whether you have a sleep disorder. Several Aspirus locations offer overnight sleep studies. For more information, call 800-817-2363.

For Old Times Sake



These lucky guys worked all night while the rest of the logging camp slept in. This is the crew that watered the sleigh roads so logs could be moved to the sawmill or the train. That big tank was filled with buckets after chopping a hole in the ice on the lake or river. Then the sleigh drizzled the water on the sleigh trail ruts where the runners ran. Another crew would cut the ruts down before daylight when the timber was sleighed out. The ice crew headed to the camp to enjoy a breakfast before turning into bed in an empty bunkhouse. Come dark, they did it again. Had to be a great job!



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