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Wabeno Christian Thrift Store donates to Lakes Country Library



Wabeno Christian Thrift Store representative Scott Wycherley presents a \$2,000 donation to Lakewood Library assistant Peggy Aerts. The money will go to the Library's capital campaign, which is at 80% of a \$1.5 million goal.

The Thrift Store is an up north treasure run almost exclusively by volunteers. It accepts and sells donated items, using the money to improve lives in a wide variety of ways. Their donation will be doubled as part of a \$15,000 match contribution made by an anonymous donor.

Lakes Country Library at 80% of goal

Lakes Country Public Library has reached a milestone in its quest to expand and renovate Lakewood Library. Thanks to grants, donations and fundraisers, in a little over a year the Capital Campaign has raised 80% of our \$1.5 million goal.

"The need for library services has grown dramatically, especially since the pandemic," says Fundraising Committee Chair Kathleen Marsh. "Our current facility simply cannot provide what the community needs, which is why this project is so critical. Consequently, we are reaching out to ask those who haven't contributed yet, and even those who have, to help us get over the top so the new library becomes a reality."

Capital Campaign's progress can be viewed via the giant Fund-o-Meter on the right as you enter the library parking lot. A virtual tour, complete with floor plan of the new building, is available at the library's website: thelakescountrylibrary.org. For those who have questions or want to know more about procuring naming rights to a room in the new facility, please email: kathiemarsh@yahoo.com.

Conservation Corner

Conservation Corner is a weekly article produced by the Forest County Land & Water Conservation Department. For more information, contact Steve Kircher, County Conservationist-Land Information/GIS Director, at 715-478-1387 or by e-mail at lcc@co.forest.wi.us.

Spring officially begins on Monday, March 20th @ 4:25 CT. As we venture into Spring, I'd like to point out a few things that you should begin observing. First of all, you'll start to see the furry, light-gray flowers of pussy willows as they emerge from their buds.

Black bears will begin emerging from their winter dens and begin looking for food. I know our bird feeders usually get knocked down and emptied in the spring. Bears have excellent memories, so if you live in an area with bears, take down your feeders before they get destroyed.

The full moon for March has already come and gone on March 7. The next one will be on Thursday, April 6.

Several moth species overwinter as caterpillars, including the Woolly Bear Caterpillar of the Isabella Tiger Moth. When weather warms in Spring, they can be found crawling up sticks and last years' stems looking for a good place to pupate and metamorphose.

Skunk cabbages will start emerging in the first part of March. Their unpleasant odor attracts pollinators such as flies and beetles. Along with Skunk cabbages, skunks will start emerging and I've already spotted a few out foraging for food.

Silver, red and sugar maples will start flowering about the second week of March. Maple flowers are wind pollinated and have no petals, but they're still beautiful.

Woodcock will be seen doing their mating dances about the middle of March. Once the snow melts back in open fields, they can be heard around sunset.

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.

Roger Wilson, Candidate for Chairman, Town of Laona

I, Roger Wilson, would appreciate your vote on April 4th, for Chairman for the Town of Laona.

Many of you know me personally as I have lived in Laona for 37 years, and I have been very active in the community.

As your Chairman, I would listen to your concerns and keep an open mind, while doing my best to resolve the issue. I would look forward to working with other committees to better the Town of Laona.

I formerly worked for the Town of Laona for 26 years as the road maintenance personnel and know the ins and outs of the past and present town business. I may not have done everything perfectly, but my heart was always for the best interest of the town and its residents.

I have attended many of the Town Board meetings while I worked for the town and continue to do so. I am currently the Laona Fire Department Fire Chief and have served on the Laona Rescue Squad for 30 plus years. I have volunteered over the years for countless fundraisers and events. Voting for me would be beneficial for the entire Town of Laona.

I sincerely appreciate you for your support.

Sincerely,
Roger Wilson

Denise Bostron, Write-in Candidate for the Crandon School Board

Hello, My name is Denise Bostron and I am running for the Crandon School District School Board as a "write in."

If elected I would like to be advocate for better communication between the school system and the parents and/or guardians as often enough they do not have a schedule of events, activities and/or are unaware of any sign-up events.

I would also like to help improve the school lunches, cutting back on the food that is thrown in the garbage, thus saving taxpayers dollars.

One of my goals is to have communications with the students so that I would have knowledge of their concerns and issues. Both sides of a story are important to know. As the owner of Elite Automotive I know the importance of listening and communicating is most important for repairing vehicles as much solving problems.

I have two children who are students in the Crandon Middle School and I would like to be sure that my children AND the rest of the students have the best education experience they can have with problems solved in the most efficient manner.

I would be glad to stay on the board, if elected, for more than one term so I would be completely knowledgeable about all of the issues that can arise in our educational facility.

If elected I pledge to be impartial, fair and competent in the job.

Denise Bostron

Carla Van Camp, Candidate for Town Chair Town of Townsend

My name is Carla Van Camp. I am seeking reelection for Town Chair for the Town of Townsend in Oconto County.

I have been a resident of Townsend since 1976. I ran and owned Karla's Kitchen for 45 years. I raised four children with my husband here in Townsend.

I have an active member of Community Ambulance Service for 42 year. I am also a member of the Townsend Advisory Committee, which is involved in many of the activities, such as the tree lighting, chili cook-off, and the skating rink. I am a board member of the TFPD and a board member of the OCDEC. As part of the role as Town Chair, I have taken care of the cemetery, I oversee the recycling center, as well as the daily operations of the highway maintenance crew. I was the main contact for FEMA and the Forest Service during the 2019 blowdown and cleanup.

I have always had the best interest in matters of the town and always will.

I would appreciate your support on April 4th.

Karla Van Camp

Wisconsin Conservation Congress and DNR To Host Open House in Crandon on April 3rd

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invite the public to attend an open house the week of April 3-6 to learn about resource management in their area.

Location details for each county open house are available on the WCC/DNR Open Houses webpage.

DNR staff and WCC delegates will be on hand at these open houses to discuss local issues of importance, answer questions from the public, and open a dialogue between the public, the DNR and the WCC about areas of interest and concern.

The WCC will also hold their delegates' elections at each open house. Two of the five WCC seats will be up for election in each county.

The open houses precede the annual WCC/DNR Spring Hearings. In addition to the opportunity to engage with DNR staff and WCC delegates at these open houses, the public is also invited to participate in the annual spring hearings the following week that focus on natural resource-related advisory questions and proposed rule changes.

The Spring Hearings will again be held in a virtual format, as has been done since 2020. This year's online questionnaire will be open for input from April 10 at noon through April 13 at noon via the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing webpage.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where the public elects delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the DNR on responsibly managing Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. The Congress accomplishes this through open, impartial, broad-ranged actions. Learn more about the WCC and how to become involved in resource management decisions on the Wisconsin Conservation webpage.

The Forest County Open House will be on April 3rd in the Crandon School Auditorium.

Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet was a great evening



This year's RGS Banquet at the Crandon Community Center had lighter attendance than other years, but was still well attended. The food served by Jameson's 1930 Inn was quite good, the prizes were tempting, and the visiting was top notch. We are sure that the ruffed grouse out in the surrounding forest were quite pleased as well. And they should be. The money raised by this event will be used to improve grouse habitat!

If you didn't attend, you missed a very pleasant evening, but there is always next year!



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Wabeno Elementary 3rd Graders receive a FREE book!



Mrs. Jacki Seeber's 3rd grade class was pleasantly surprised when a shipment of hardcover books arrived last week. Each student in 3rd grade received a copy of the book called "My Favorite Book: A Book about Doing your Best and Being your Best". This book was intentionally written to reinforce the character traits and the values students are learning at school and at home. Students have already enjoyed reading this book and making connections to everyday life in and outside of school.

This book was sponsored by: Crandon Rexall Pharmacy, Laona Machine Supply, Weber-Hill Funeral Home, and Forest County Sheriff's Department. Mrs. Seeber and all of her students greatly appreciate the generosity of these sponsors and getting books into the hands of young readers.

Senators Johnson and Baldwin renew Bipartisan Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission

The commission will work to fill unfilled U.S. Attorney and federal judgeship positions

Yesterday, U.S. Senators Ron Johnson (R-WI) and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) announced that they have renewed their agreement establishing the bipartisan Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission to provide recommendations for nominations during the 118th Congress for U.S. Attorneys and federal judicial positions. Currently, there are vacancies in the U.S. Attorney position for the Western District of Wisconsin and for a federal judgeship on U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

"The goal for all officers of the court, especially judges, should be the equal application of law," said Senator Johnson. "Our judicial commission has worked in the past, and it can work in the future, if everyone concentrates on finding individuals who will apply the law and not alter it to fit their ideological or policy preferences. I look forward to working with the commission to find individuals who will provide that type of justice for the citizens of Wisconsin."

"I am glad to join Senator Johnson in moving forward with the bipartisan Wisconsin Federal Nominating Commission to help us fill crucial U.S. Attorney and judicial vacancies in Wisconsin," said Senator Baldwin. "I am confident that the commission will again identify highly qualified, experienced candidates who will serve the people of Wisconsin with fairness and impartiality, and look forward to filling the vacancies expeditiously."

Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to participate in the annual Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey to help document frog and toad breeding calls throughout the state this spring and summer.



The Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey was formally launched in 1984 amid concerns about declining populations of several species of frogs. Since then, citizen scientists have helped DNR conservation biologists better define the distribution, status and population trends of all 12 frog and toad species in Wisconsin.

"The DNR is once again looking for night-loving volunteers, who we lovingly call 'froggers,' to lend their ears to monitor and help conserve frogs and toads in all corners of Wisconsin," said Andrew Badje, the DNR conservation biologist who coordinates the DNR's Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey.

- Volunteers can participate in three ways:
1. Traditional Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey – This option requires volunteers to drive along a pre-set route for three nights of survey effort, once each in early spring, late spring and early summer. Volunteers make 10 stops per night, listening for five minutes at each site, documenting the species heard calling and the relative abundance of each species. See available 2023 survey routes and learn how to volunteer for this survey.
 2. Mink Frog Survey – Mink frogs are only found in northern Wisconsin and often call in the daytime. In June and July, volunteers are recruited to listen in the Northwoods, once during the day and once at night, along routes targeting ideal mink frog breeding habitat. Learn more about the survey and how to volunteer on the Mink Frog Survey webpage.
 3. Phenology Survey – Volunteers for this survey help monitor when frogs and toads first start calling each spring. Phenology volunteers choose one wetland to monitor throughout the frog calling season and record data as often as possible for five minutes per night. Learn more about the survey and how to volunteer on the Phenology Survey webpage.

Dates for each survey vary, and some are dependent on the changing seasons. Volunteers will receive more details on timing after contacting the survey teams.

"Our froggers have also really become advocates for frogs and toads," Badje said. "They bring their children and grandchildren on fun nighttime frog calling excursions and provide numerous frog and toad educational presentations at local libraries and nature centers. A few passionate 'uberfroggers' have even made surveys a part of their lives for 42 years running, longer than I've been alive."

Wisconsin Frog and Toad Survey volunteers started collecting data in 1984, collectively spending more than 10,500 nights surveying 103,400 sites.

"Our volunteers are the beating heart of frog monitoring and conservation in Wisconsin," said Badje. "They are why this survey is the longest-running citizen science frog calling survey in North America."

Volunteers are currently documenting the highest levels of American bullfrogs and Blanchard's cricket frogs since the survey began, an encouraging sign that proactive conservation measures for these two species are likely paying off. Volunteers are also contributing substantial knowledge into the unique calling patterns and distribution of mink frogs throughout the Northwoods.

Visit the DNR's amphibians and reptiles webpage for more opportunities to get involved.

Thank Yous and Personals

AREA EVENTS



Red Arrow Snowmobile/ATV Club would like to give a huge Thank You to the community, the town of Townsend, the Volunteers, and the following businesses for sponsoring our Club's "Snowfest" with amazing prizes, which was held at the Townsend Town Hall on February 18th. It was a great success and was made possible by our great community and volunteers.

9 Mile All Sport Resort, Amy's Wine Cellar, Antigo Yamaha, Bailey's Pour Haus Bar, BelGioioso Cheese, Best Craft Furniture, Billy Goats Bar, Bolin's Speedy T's, Forest TV & Appliance, Hillcrest Supper Club, Karla's Kitchen, Kelly's Thirsty Buck, Ken's Sports of Green Bay, Kerscher's Excavating, Lakewood Ace Hardware, Lakewood Auto Sales, Lakewood Depot Shell, Lakewood Motorsports, Laona State Bank, Little Topsy Bar & Grill, Lotter's Townsend & Lakewood BP, Maiden Lake Supper Club, Mighty Fine Sports Shop, Mike's Supermarket, Mountain Hardware, Mountain Springs Motel & Campground, Nicolet Pharmacy, Northern Perks Coffee Shop, Old Town Hall Restaurant, Olive Pit Bar, Paul & Eva Kirsch, Paul Bunyan Ski Hill, Phil's Philling Station, Pintsch's Hardware, Rustic Cup, Rustic Retreat Furniture, Schoolhouse Bar, TA Motorsports, Team Winnebagoland, The Green Banana, Townsend Self Storage, Trails Motel, Woodland Trail Winery

THANK YOU!

Keep cleaning products away from children

National Poison Prevention Week is March 19-25

It's almost spring and spring cleaning is just around the corner – a time for people to deep clean their houses after the cold winter months.

A clean home provides a healthy environment for the family, but common household cleaning products such as alcohol, acid, alkali, bleach, polish, and detergent can contain hazardous chemicals that are poisonous, especially to children.

"It's crucial for parents to be aware of potential poisons that can be found in many cleaning supplies," says Lisa Barry, MD, Aspirus Pediatrician. "The best way to keep your child safe from accidental poisoning is through prevention."

If you have a child at your house (even just for a visit), poison-proofing is a must.

Here are some safety tips to remember when handling cleaning products around children.

- Always read the directions for use on cleaning product labels
- Never mix household cleaning products. Doing so can result in poisonous fumes and serious breathing problems.
- Ventilate your work area well, especially small spaces such as bathrooms, by opening a window or door and running an exhaust fan.
- Keep strong acids and alkalis directed away from your eyes and skin.
- Wear rubber gloves, safety goggles, and protective clothing when using very strong cleaners.
- Do not leave aerosol (pressurized spray) containers on a stove, radiator or furnace, in direct sunlight, or near other heat sources due to toxic fumes and fire hazards.
- Store cleaning products in cabinets with child-resistant latches. One of the most dangerous places to store cleaners is in an unlocked, low, kitchen or bathroom cabinet.
- If possible, keep children and pets out of areas where household cleaners are being used.

"It takes very little time for a child to get their hands on things they shouldn't. Be very cautious of where cleaning supplies are placed while cleaning and always remember to return it to a designed area where children will not be able to access it. All chemicals and cleaning products should always be out of reach of children," says Dr. Barry. "Certain cleaning supplies such as dishwasher or laundry detergent pods can look like candy to kids and are very dangerous if ingested."

Keep cleaning products in their original containers and choose child-resistant packaging when available. Lock them in elevated cabinets and far away from any food storage locations to reduce the chance of a child accidentally ingesting those items.

Many cleaning products and chemicals have instructions on what to do if the product is used incorrectly.

If you suspect your child has been poisoned and is unconscious, having convulsions or not breathing, call 911. If your child has mild or no symptoms, call the National Poison Control Hotline at 1-800-222-1222.



Felzkowski and Callahan to meet with public this Saturday, Antigo & Townsend

State Senator Felzkowski and Representative Callahan will be at the Townsend Town Hall from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 25 and in Antigo at the City Hall from noon until 1:00 p.m. Stop in and voice your concerns!

PSC, DOA Encourage Customers to Seek Assistance before Moratorium on Utility Disconnections Ends Statewide Moratorium to end April 15, 2023

MADISON – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC or Commission) and the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) encourage electric and natural gas utility customers with outstanding bills to make payment arrangements with their provider or apply for financial assistance before the moratorium on utility disconnections ends.

The annual winter moratorium from November 1st to April 15th prohibits all utility providers from disconnecting residential heating services for nonpayment. Customers who are behind on their bills may be at risk of disconnection if payment arrangements are not established by April 15, 2023.

"The winter moratorium on utility disconnections protects families during our coldest months, but Governor Evers' Administration is working to ensure support is available throughout the year to provide safe, healthy living conditions for all Wisconsinites," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. "Wisconsinites should start making a plan with their utility providers, but I encourage them to seek additional assistance through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program and contact the Public Service Commission if more help is needed."

Through the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP), over 200,000 Wisconsin households received nearly \$120 million in assistance with monthly utility expenses last fiscal year. So far this fiscal year, nearly 150,000 households have received \$80.7 million in assistance, and help remains available.

"Tens of thousands of Wisconsinites have been able to keep their heat and lights on thanks to State and Federal assistance programs, and crisis assistance will remain available," said DOA Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld. "We're proud to work together with the Public Service Commission and our local partners to make sure that disconnection is the last resort for any household behind on utility bills."

To avoid disconnection, customers who have fallen behind on payments are encouraged first to contact their utility to set up a payment plan. Listed below is the contact information for the largest utilities in Wisconsin:

Alliant Energy; 1-800-255-4268

Madison Gas & Electric; 1-800-245-1125

Superior Water, Light & Power; 1-800-227-7957

We Energies; 1-800-842-4565

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation; 1-800-450-7260

Xcel Energy; 1-800-895-4999

If customers are having difficulty paying their energy bills, they may be eligible for assistance from the Department of Administration's Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). WHEAP is part of the state's comprehensive Home Energy Plus program, which provides assistance with emergency energy needs, emergency furnace repairs, conservation service and weatherization for low-income households. To apply online customers can go to energybenefit.wi.gov or to apply by phone can call the statewide customer care center at 1-800-506-5596.

Utilities are required to offer Deferred Payment Agreements (DPA) to residential customers who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full. Municipal utilities are not required to offer DPAs to tenants, but many still do so. If customers cannot reach an agreement with their utility, they may contact the PSC by calling 608-266-2001 or 1-800-225-7729 or submitting a PSC complaint online.

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.



For Old Times Sake



We have all seen pictures of the Jones Lumber Co. in Wabeno, but it is good to take another look and think about how this mill and Menominee Bay Shore changed the small community to one that over 2,000 people. There were jobs in the sawmill and in the woods, and it also gave the railroad a reason to come through Wabeno. There was lumber to haul to market. Like all of the early sawmills, this one lasted until the logs ran out. But, they did build towns.

If Jones came back to Wabeno and wanted their old site back there could be problems. The grade school would have to be moved!

REAL ESTATE

Century 21 Northwoods team welcomes Angela Retzlaff

Century 21 Northwoods Team is pleased to announce the addition of Angela Retzlaff to our team! Angela is a lifelong resident of the Crandon area. After working 20 years in the financial industry, the last 8 as a mortgage loan officer, Angela has decided to take her career in a new direction by joining the Century 21 Northwoods Team as a real estate sales associate. She enjoys helping people and is looking forward to working with buyers and sellers to help their real estate dreams come true. Angela currently resides in the Lakewood area and will be serving Forest, Oconto, Langlade, and the surrounding counties. You can reach Angela at 715-889-6720 or amretzlaff75@gmail.com.



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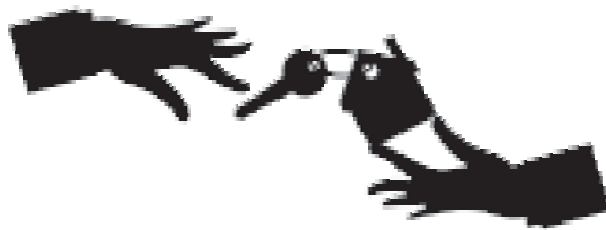


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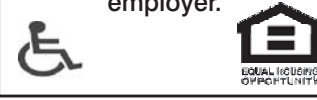
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CENTURY 21 Real Estate recognizes Century 21 Northwoods Team with awards



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Serving Wisconsin's Beautiful Northwoods!

Ongoing Commitment to Service Earns Century 21 Northwoods Team and Amy Paikowski the 2022 Quality Service Pinnacle Award, 2022 Quality Service Office Award, and Heidi Krusensterna earned the 2022 Quality Service Award.

Amy Paikowski, broker/owner of Century 21 Northwoods Team, announced today that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized sales affiliate Amy Paikowski and her office with the Century 21 2022 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award and Quality Service Pinnacle Office Award with Heidi Krusensterna earning the 2022 Quality Service Award.

"The Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award and Quality Service Pinnacle Office award are an integral part of our brand's commitment to excellence and recognizes Amy Paikowski and her team's dedication to making each and every client interaction memorable and worth celebrating." said Michael Miedler president and CEO, Century 21 Real Estate.

The annual awards are based on results from CENTURY 21 Quality Service Survey (QSS) which is emailed to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home. To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer and Office Award, an agent and the entire office must receive completed customer surveys for at least 80 percent of their transactions surveyed from January 1 – December 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percent or better for two consecutive years.

"My team provides our clients with the expertise and local market knowledge to help guide them along their individual real estate journey and provides them with confidence during what is often the most significant purchase of their lifetime." said Amy Paikowski.

"The power of the CENTURY 21 brand rests on the shoulders of the relentless sales professionals like Amy Paikowski and her team who always strives to deliver 121% for each and every client they serve." said Miedler. "We are thrilled to recognize them for their amazing work and commitment to delivering the extraordinary experience that those home buyers, sellers, and property investors deserve in their real estate journey."

Amy Paikowski and her team will receive a customized glass trophy, in addition to being recognized at the CENTURY 21 Global Conference.

Century 21 Northwoods Team is a full-service brokerage located at 121 North Lake Ave. Crandon. For more information please contact Amy and her team at (715) 478-3744 or C21nwds@yahoo.com.

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If you are interested in this position, please submit a letter of interest to Brian Esqueda (Goodman) or Eric Swanson (Pembin) by Wednesday, March 20th, 2023. Letters may be dropped off at either school or emailed. Brian Esqueda besqueda@goodman.k12.wi.us
Eric Swanson eswanson@pembin.wi.us

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. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY.

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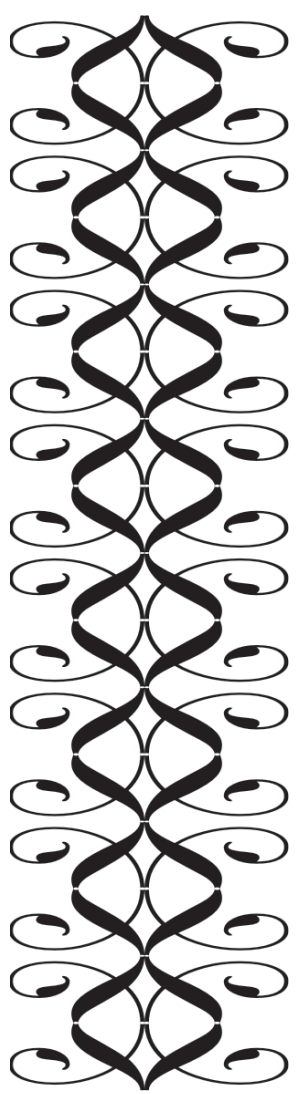
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Applications will be accepted until 3:00 P.M., April 11, 2023.



WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

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Conservation Corner Cont. from pg. 1

Along with the Woodcock, you can listen for the distinctive quacking of Wood Frogs in the evening as they gather in the spring pools. They're usually the first amphibians to emerge in Spring and often congregate in pools that may still be partially covered in ice.

The first warm (40°F), rainy night brings out the salamanders as they migrate from winter burrows to the spring ponds to mate. They'll spend a little time at the pools and ponds before heading back to the upland woods.

Around March 24th, the beaver that have been eating sticks that they stored underwater last fall, will come out of their dens to eat green plants including water lilies and skunk cabbage.

During the last week of March, the tom turkeys will begin gobbling and showing off for the females. Look around for the hens who are usually nearby.

At the end of March, gray foxes are giving birth, usually with 1-4 pups in a litter. The pups will stay in the den for about another month, and by the time they are three months old, they'll learn to hunt on their own. If you spot a fox in a tree, it's a gray fox. Red fox don't climb trees.

Finally, during March the Bald Eagles will return to their nests. I've been monitoring the Lake Metonga Eagle Cam and I'm happy to report we have two eggs that Mom and Dad have been busy incubating.

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Alzheimer's Assoc. report tells of caregiver burden and shortage of direct care workforce

The Alzheimer's Association 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report highlights prevalence, caregiver burden and direct care workforce shortages. The new report released today shows there were an estimated 191,000 dementia family caregivers across Wisconsin caring for more than 120,000 on a journey with dementia.

"The new Facts and Figures report shows that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias continue to be a significant burden for too many Wisconsin families," said Dave Grams, executive director, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "It's critical to continue to work toward advancing new treatments that can stop or slow the progression of Alzheimer's, while also continuing to provide care and support services to help all those affected."

2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures: At a Glance

National Prevalence, Incidence and Mortality

- An estimated 6.7 million Americans 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's dementia in 2023 (up from 6.5 million as stated in the 2022 Facts and Figures report).
- About 1 in 9 people (10.8%) age 65 and older has Alzheimer's dementia.
- The death rate due to Alzheimer's disease between 2000 and 2019 increased 33% for people age 65 to 74, 51% for people age 75-84 and 78% for people age 85 and older.
- 1 in 3 seniors dies with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia.

Caregiving

- In 2022, more than 11 million caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias provided an estimated 18 billion hours of unpaid care, a contribution to the nation valued at more than \$339.5 billion.
- 59% of unpaid caregivers report emotional stress and 38% report physical stress due to caregiving.
- The prevalence of depression is higher among dementia caregivers (30%-40%) when compared to caregivers for other conditions such as schizophrenia (20%) or stroke (19%)
- Dementia caregivers report higher rates of chronic conditions including stroke, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer compared to caregivers of people without dementia or non-caregivers.

Wisconsin statistics:

- Number of Wisconsin residents aged 65 and older living with Alzheimer's: 120,000
- Estimated number of Wisconsin residents living with Alzheimer's in 2025: 130,000
- Number of Wisconsin residents serving as unpaid family caregivers: 191,000 • Total hours of unpaid care provided: 213,000,000; Total value of unpaid care: \$3,970,000,000

Direct care workforce shortage looming

The year's report also finds a shortage looming for direct care workers in Wisconsin and across the country. Direct care workers, including nurse aides, nursing assistants, home health aides and personal care aides play a vital role in caring for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementia in private homes, community-based settings such as adult day services and residential care, skilled nursing homes and other settings. According to the report, an estimated 1.2 million additional direct care workers will be needed between 2020 and 2030 more new workers than in any other single occupation in the United States. Key findings include:

- The shortage of dementia care specialists is a barrier to a timely and accurate diagnosis, and a lack of diagnosis means a delay in treatments, care delivery and supportive services. • 55% of primary care physicians caring for people living with Alzheimer's report there are not enough dementia care specialists in their communities to meet patient demands.

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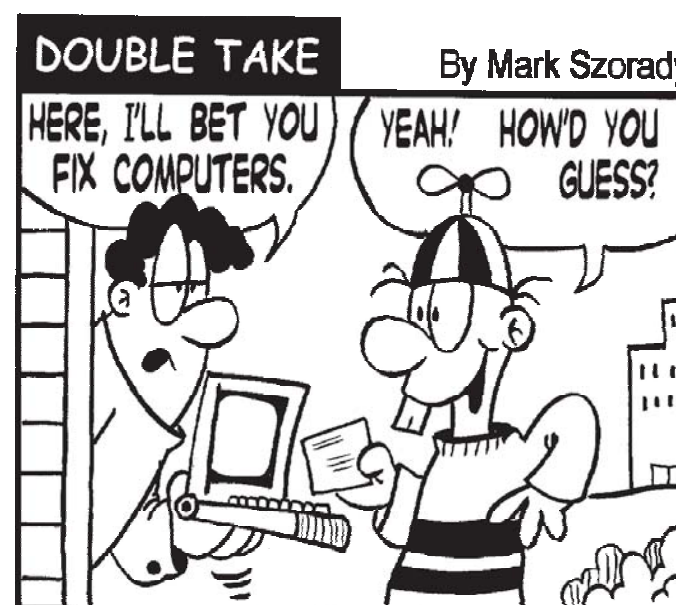


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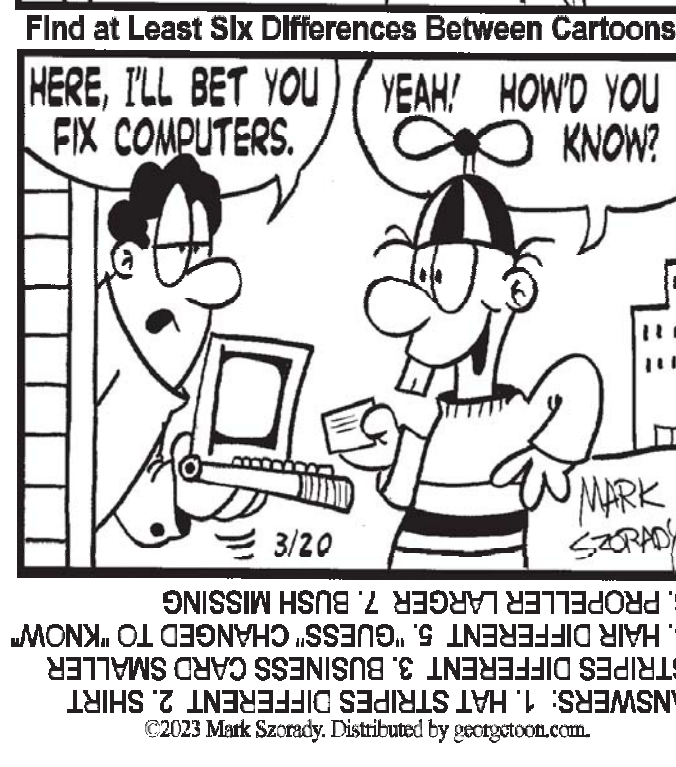
- Shortages of geriatricians and neurologists necessary to care for the aging U.S. population which is expected to grow from 58 million people 65 and older in 2021 to 88 million by 2050 remains a major challenge as 13 million Americans are projected to live with Alzheimer's disease by 2050.
- In Wisconsin there are only 83 geriatricians. In order to meet the demand by 2050 that number would need to increase by 228.9%.



DOUBLE TAKE By Mark Szorady



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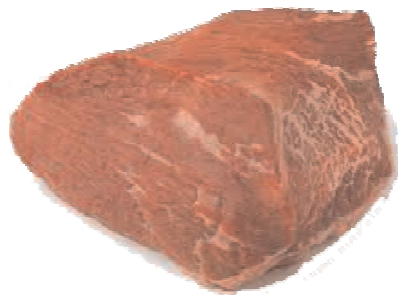
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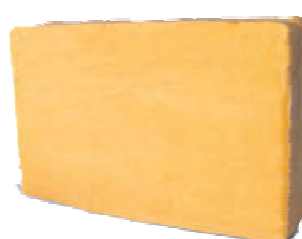


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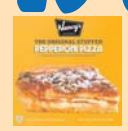
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DEATH NOTICES

Leigh Travis, of Hiles, died on March 13, 2023 at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. She was 80 years old. She was born on February 1, 1943 in Muskego, Wisconsin, daughter of Lawrence and Angelique (Arvan) Chave. She married Richard Travis on May 30, 1964.

Leigh and Richard "Chico" raised their family in southeast Wisconsin. For many years Leigh worked as a sales representative selling office supplies. She and Richard were blessed with two children.

After retirement, Leigh and Richard "Chico" moved north to make their new home on Pine Lake in Hiles, together they spent 15 plus wonderful years at the Lake. Many new friendships were made and great memories to cherish.

In addition to her husband, Richard "Chico," survivors include sons, Anthony (Jean) Travis of Waterford, WI and Richard Travis of Milwaukee, WI; grandchildren, Austin Travis of Butternut, WI, Brandon (Danielle) Travis of Evansville, WI, and Gabriella Travis and Oliver Travis, both of Chicago, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Angelique (Arvan) Travis.

Private family services will be held.

Weber-Hill Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be directed to www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Shari Rae Wolczewski - loving wife, dedicated mother, and friend of many - passed away on March 19, 2023, at the age of 69 of Jennings, Wisconsin. She was born July 28, 1953.



Shari grew up in Jennings, Wisconsin and graduated from Elcho High School. After a chance meeting while visiting her aunt in Greenfield, Wisconsin, she met the love of her life, David. Two short years later they would marry on June 5, 1971, in Elcho, Wisconsin at Holy Family Catholic Church. Shari and David would spend the next 52 years working together as they built a family and wonderful life together.

Shari and David lived in Big Bend, Wisconsin in the beginning of their married life for almost 30 years while raising their daughter. They moved back to her hometown in Jennings, Wisconsin, and spent almost the next 20 years having a life closer to nature.

Through the years, Shari enjoyed sewing and many crafts. Cooking was a passion that she shared with her daughter. She loved shopping with her granddaughter. She enjoyed taking walks on their 40 acres, taking care of their cats, and being with family. She also enjoyed riding in their UTV with her husband David. She was always by his side, and they were very rarely apart. She was known by many and had many friends. She was always there when you needed help.

She is survived by her husband, David; their daughter, Yvonne (William) Sobieski; granddaughter, Anastasia; and brothers, Richard and Jeff Lass.

Shari was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Jean Lass; and in-laws, Gertrude and Aloysius, "Ollie" Wolczewski. She has many more loving family members.

A private Memorial Service with immediate family will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to sign the guestbook or leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandrussfh.com



A note from the Four Busmen (Mike, Mark, Christ & Bob) of Forest County...

We were excited to see a nice jump in new riders last month. We are interested in getting Wabeno area riders to join us on our trips to Antigo. How about Armstrong Creek riders to Iron Mountain? (First on-first off for a nice easy trip). It's exciting to notice that so many people are repeat riders. Perhaps it's the character of our drivers. (They're characters all right!)

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

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

Thursday, March 23: Rhinelander

Monday, March 27: Iron Mountain

Thursday, March 30: Rhinelander

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program SENIOR MEALS

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CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - March 28 - Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, country trio veggie blend, whole wheat bread, applesauce

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - March 29 - Lasagna, carrots, mixed greens, dressing, garlic breadstick, fruit jello dessert

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

CONGREGATE & HOME DELIVERED, ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - March 30 - Vegetable soup with beef, peaches, salad, toasted cheese sandwich, brownie

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

I appreciate the Pioneer Express for printing my letter last week! I wrote about the problem with our SOUTHERN BORDER, and the American people being killed by the ILLEGAL MIGRANTS crossing the border! This is a situation that should concern each and everyone in the country, but OBVIOUSLY it doesn't!

Last Monday, As the Pioneer Express was opening, and receiving my letter, another two AMERICANS were killed needlessly! In Ozon, Texas, a "HUNAN TRAFFICKER" fleeing authorities in a high speed chase, ran a red light, trying to avoid arrest! Their pickup, which contained 11 ILLEGAL MIGRANTS, of which two were also killed, slammed into the car driven by Maria Tambunga, killing her along with her passenger, her granddaughter, 7 year old Emily's Tambunga! The lives of two beautiful people, SNUFFED OUT needlessly! WHY?

Who are the victims of these TRAGEDIES? Obviously Kayla Hamilton in Maryland, who I wrote about last week, and now Maria Tambunga and her granddaughter Emily in Texas! The other VICTIMS are the AMERICAN PEOPLE! The FIRST priority of the president is to protect the CITIZENS of the UNITED STATES! Something this administration has pathetically failed to do! How many criminals, gang members, felons terrorists, or just plain old bad people have to enter the country before somebody fixes the problem? And it's not only the criminal aspect, how about the TONS of FENTANYL crossing the open border, killing 100,000 Americans each and every year, more lives SNUFFED OUT needlessly! And if you think FENTANYL isn't here, think again! It is!

Hopefully, each and everyone who reads this agrees with me, that something must be done! Call your elected officials and tell them ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, fix the BORDER! Be it through legislation or through infrastructure, fix the problem!

Jim Kobylarz
Armstrong Creek

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the Editor; however the letters should be legible, in good taste, not libelous and pertinent to current issues. Names will not be withheld upon request, except for very special circumstances. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE INCLUDED FOR VERIFICATION PURPOSES. We reserve the right to reject any and all letters.

Senator Johnson Joins Colleagues to Stop Biden Admin From Turning Lawful Gun Owners Into Felons With Pistol Brace Rule

WASHINGTON - Yesterday, U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), Sen. Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) and 44 of their Republican colleagues in introducing a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution of disapproval to prevent the Biden Administration's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) from enforcing an anti-Second Amendment pistol brace rule. The ATF's rule would require gun owners to register pistols with stabilizing braces with the ATF or otherwise be subject to criminal penalties, turning law-abiding gun owners into potential criminals overnight.

"This new rule is yet another example of federal overreach by Biden's Department of Justice. The unconstitutional action from the ATF is an infringement on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will join us in halting this action by the Administration," said Sen. Johnson.

"Millions of law-abiding Americans use pistol braces, and many of those Americans rely on braces because they are disabled. If Congress doesn't correct the ATF's misguided rule, countless law-abiding gunowners in Louisiana and other states will become criminals in the blink of an eye. The Biden administration's assault on the Second Amendment isn't going to stop unless we defend this fundamental liberty," said Sen. Kennedy.

"The Biden administration's war on every American's fundamental right to bear arms is relentless and an offense to our founders. Congress must use every tool at its disposal to stop the Biden ATF from enacting this unconstitutional gun grab and creating its newly proposed anti-2nd Amendment gun registry. The Congressional Review Act is one of those important tools and I'm pleased to co-lead this effort with Senator Kennedy," said Sen. Marshall.

Background

The rule, titled [Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached Stabilizing Braces](#), would reclassify pistols as short-barreled rifles if they have a stabilizing brace attachment, even though many disabled veterans and other Americans rely on these braces to use their firearms.

Under this rule, otherwise lawful gun owners could face up to 10 years in jail and thousands of dollars in fines if they fail to register pistols with stabilizing braces with the ATF.

If gun owners do not register their firearms, they would have to destroy the firearm, surrender their firearm to the ATF or remove the brace in such a way that it cannot be reattached.

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BIDS AND NOTICES

Notice of Bids RUMMEL ROAD LRIP PROJECT TOWN OF WABENO

The Town Board of Wabeno is seeking sealed bids for the following project:

Trump Lake Road east to CTH "H".

Work to be performed:

Phase 1 – Completion 11/2023

- a. Undercutting
- b. Culvert Pipes
- c. Ditching
- d. Brush Cutting
- e. Sawcutting
- f. Gravel Lift
- g. Pulverizing
- h. Grinding

Phase 2 – Completion 9/2024

- a. Paving
- b. Shouldering

General Description

- *20' (ft) road surface. 2' (ft) shoulders
- *Grind and resurface with hot mix asphalt paving 2' overlay
- *Shoulder and ditch reconditioning
- *Ditch line stabilization
- *Length of project approximately 1 mile
- *Installation of culverts. Estimated 6 culverts
- *Asphalt Curbs

Winning bidder required to provide Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$1,000,000 .

Deadline for submitting bids is April 28 , 2023 at 12:00 pm. Bids can be mailed to Town of Wabeno, PO Box 447, Wabeno, WI 54566.

Please mark "Rummel Road Project" on outside of sealed envelope.

Any questions regarding Rummel Road Project , call Chairman Jim Smith 715-850-1602

Project Work Log & Road Reconstruction Plans available from Wabeno Town Clerk 715-850-1127 or clerk@wabeno.org.

WisDNR general permit is also available for review upon request.

FORST COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT Accepting Bids

The Forest County Forestry Department is accepting the following bids for the Veterans Memorial Park on Lake Metonga. The Campground has 65 sites and will be open from May 1, 2023 until October 1, 2023.

Six (6) face cords of firewood: All firewood must be dry hardwood, 16 inches long, split to a diameter not to exceed 6 inches wide. **Please provide one bid for 6 face cords bundled, delivered and stacked at Veteran's Memorial Park.** When bidding, please include the cost per face cord.

Pumping holding tanks: The Campground has tanks at the shower/restroom facility, manager's cabin, RV dump station and one pit toilet (men's and women's). When bidding, please include the cost per gallon for pumping all tanks as needed for the 2023 summer camping season.

"ALL" bid specifications must be met to be a valid bid.

Please submit bids to the Forest County Forest Administrator, Courthouse, 200 East Madison Street, Crandon, WI 54520 by 4:30 p.m. by Friday, April 7, 2023. Please designate on the envelope "Firewood Bid" or "Pumping Tanks Bid". Bids will be opened and awarded at the next Forestry Committee Meeting in the County Board Room of the Courthouse in Crandon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Forestry department at (715)478-3475 or travis@co.forest.wi.us.

RE-ELECT Mark Chrisman Laona Town Chairman

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Authorized & Paid for by Larry P. Schunk

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ATTENTION: SBE/EBE/MBE/DBE/WBE DVB/SDVOSB/VOB Subcontractors and Suppliers

Greenfire Management Services will be requesting proposals on the following project:

**New Laona EMS Building
3788 State Highway 32
Laona, WI 54541**

**for Bid Package #2
(Remaining Trades)**

For Bid Schedule and Documents please contact Ed Person at:
ed.person@greenfire.com

**Greenfire Management Services
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School District of Laona New Superintendent/Elementary Principal Search Survey

The Laona School Board would like to gather input from staff, parents and the community related to the hiring of a new superintendent/elementary principal. To best accomplish this task, the school board will conduct a survey. The information gathered from the survey will assist the school board in the preparation of the development of questions for use during interviews and the creation of a profile outlining the skills and characteristics sought in candidates for the position. The survey can be found on the district website www.laona.k12.wi.us and is set to close on April 3, 2023.

BID NOTICE

Headwaters Inc. is accepting bids on the following bus that is being retired.
2012 Ford Bus E450

This vehicle can be seen by appointment at Headwaters Inc, 1441 East Timber Dr, Rhinelander WI, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. To make an appointment call 715-369-1337 ext. 1241 or ask for Becky Wilson.

Bid sheets can be obtained by stopping in at Headwaters Inc, located at 1441 East Timber Dr, Rhinelander between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday or can be sent via email to bwilson@headwatersinc.org. All bids must be sealed and received at the Headwaters Inc office by 4:00 p.m. on April 12, 2023.

NOTICE

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING EQUIPMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, according to Wis. Stats. 5.84(1) Testing of Equipment, the following municipalities will conduct the required public test of the tabulating equipment to be used at the April 4, 2023 Spring Election. This test, which is open to the public, will be conducted at the following locations, dates, and times:

Tuesday, March 28, 2022, 9 am

Town of Wabeno

Wabeno Town Hall

4473 North Branch Street

Wabeno, WI 54566

By: Raletta Shampo-Ashbeck ~ Clerk

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TOWN OF CRANDON VOTE April 4, 2023

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Bids & Notices

Official Ballot Nonpartisan Office April 4, 2023

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See right side of ballot for initials)

| Instructions to Voters |
|---|
| If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk). |
| To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name like this: |
| To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in." |
| Town Board Chairperson Vote for 1 |
| JIM SMITH |
| LLOYD A. FULCER |
| Write-in: |
| Town Board Supervisor Vote for not more than 2 |
| RANDY JOE JOHNSON |
| BENJAMIN BOOMER HERMUS |
| Write-in: |
| Write-in: |
| Town Clerk Vote for 1 |
| RALETTA SHAMPO-ASHBECK |
| Write-in: |
| Town Treasurer Vote for 1 |
| CHERYL EHLINGER |
| Write-in: |

Official Nonpartisan Ballot

April 4, 2023
For
Town of Wabeno
Wards 1-4

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of municipal clerk or deputy clerk

If issued by SVDs, both SVDs must initial.

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor _____

SAMPLE

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION APRIL 4, 2023 VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

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

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

MAKING AN APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL.

THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M. ON THE FIFTH DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023.

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

VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN-PERSON

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the Clerk's office or other specified location. **FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES, VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE BY APPOINTMENT OR DURING THE DAYS AND HOURS LISTED STARTING TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 THROUGH FRIDAY, March 31, 2023.**

Town of Wabeno
Raletta Shampo-Ashbeck
Town Clerk
4473 North Branch Street
Wabeno, WI 54566
715-850-1127
T-W-TH 9 am -Noon

NO IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING MAY OCCUR ON THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.



Wabeno School Breakfast Menu Mar. 27 - 31

Monday - Biscuits/gravy, hash brown patty, oranges, fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - Scrambled eggs, sausage links, tator tots, peaches, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Breakfast tacos, apple churros, tropical fruit, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - Breakfast pizza, yogurt, mixed fruit, fruit juice, milk
Thursday - Breakfast sandwich, yogurt, oranges, fruit juice, milk
Friday - Cinnamon roll, banana, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Mar. 27 - 31

Monday - Hot dog, mac & cheese, corn, pears, garden bar, milk
Tuesday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potato/w gravy, corn, tropical fruit, garden bar, milk
Wednesday - Hot ham & cheese sandwich, chips, carrots, Mandarin oranges garden bar, milk
Thursday - Chicken patties, garden vegetable pasta, mixed vegetables, apple sauce, garden bar, milk
Friday - Assorted pizza, garlic breadsticks, carrots, apple sauce, garden bar, milk

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Most common forms of identification to show at voting polls: Wisconsin DMV's driver license or ID

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds voters to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in next month's election (April 4, 2023).

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common form of identification used for voting purposes. A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Voters looking to get their first Wisconsin ID can turn to DMV for help. To obtain an official ID card, there are documentation requirements such as a birth certificate. If all documentation is not readily available, the ID Petition Process (IDPP) may be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV's toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID that can be used to vote.

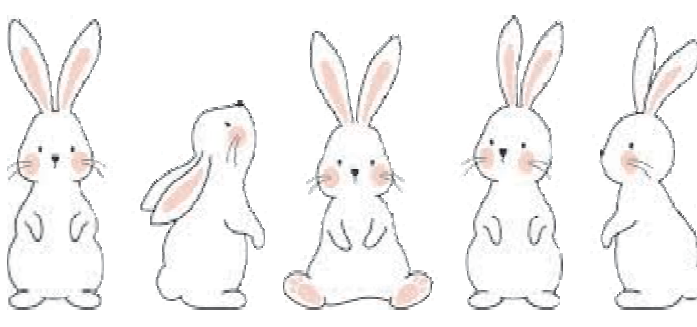
DMV's website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times (wisconsinidmv.gov/centers).

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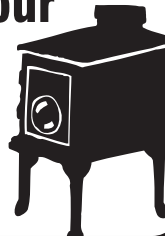
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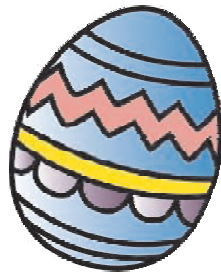
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Forest County Health Department Updates

New Staff:

We have two new, part-time employees joining us here at the Forest County Health Department. Help us in welcoming Gayle Webster and Kathleen Fuller-Kautz.

Gayle is retired from the positions of Long-Term Support Coordinator for the Forest County Social Services Department and Director of Forest County Commission on Aging. Gayle will be assisting us with various health activities including our community health assessment and community health improvement plan. She will also be assisting with community health outreach and education.

Kathy is retired from Critical Care Nursing in the Neenah, WI area. She has a background in health education and management. You may have seen here at the local Crandon Pharmacy where she has worked for the past 6 years. Kathy will be assisting us with various nursing activities including Public Health Emergency Preparedness and community health outreach and education.

Keep an eye out for these two in your community!

March is National Nutrition Month:

"Fuel for the Future" Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves and our families during every phase of life and protect the environment. No matter your age or activity level, making healthful food and drink choices will provide your body with energy now and fuel for the future. The ways you can fuel for the future include eating with the environment in mind by buying foods in season and enjoying more plant-based meals and snacks, stay nourished and save money as healthful foods are more filling and help manage and reduce your chances of developing certain chronic diseases, and eating a variety of food in all food groups since foods can differ in the nutrients they supply. The benefits of eating healthy can add up over time! For more information on how to "Fuel for the Future", please visit: www.eatright.org/national-nutrition-month-2023.

Community Health Assessment:

Our community health assessment for Forest County is almost complete. We will be compiling all of the data and will hold sessions for community members to participate in reviewing our county's health problems and choosing our priority health problems for the next five years.

COVID-19/Respiratory Illness:

The State of Wisconsin is seeing an increase in Human Metapneumovirus activity (hMPV), and it will likely become the predominant virus circulating in Wisconsin in the upcoming weeks. The State of Wisconsin continues to see a decrease in other respiratory illnesses including RSV and Influenza. Though most people experience mild to moderate symptoms from a respiratory virus, those with weakened immune symptoms, infants, older adults, and those with existing lung and heart conditions are at higher risk of developing severe illness. For more information on the Human Metapneumovirus (hMPV), please visit: www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/hmpv.htm.

County health officials have confirmed 39 individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 in March 2023 thus far. If you are experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19, please contact your health care

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provider. If positive, isolate for 5 days after symptom onset and wear a mask for 5 days following release from isolation. A limited supply of free COVID-19 test kits are available at the Forest County Health Department. Please call 715-478-3371. Free at home COVID-19 tests are available at www.sayyescovidhometest.org. Call the Health Department to assist you in this process.

The Health Department encourages community members to get vaccinated, practice good hand hygiene, wear a mask when necessary, and stay alert for symptoms.

We will update our Facebook page and local newspapers the 1st and 15th of every month as capacity allows. Please call 715-478-3371 with any questions or concerns.

DNR asks public to avoid feeding deer as cold weather continues

Leaving food out for deer poses risks to their health

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to avoid feeding deer as cold winter weather continues around parts of the state.

While the public may be concerned about the impact of winter conditions on the deer population, supplemental feeding of deer, such as leaving corn and other feed out for them in your backyard, causes more harm than good.

Deer are well-adapted to survive in winter conditions, with a slower metabolism in cold months and adjustments in their gut microbiomes to adapt to winter food sources. Corn, alfalfa and other feed are not part of their natural winter diet and can cause severe digestive issues and even death. Even a single feeding can cause rumen acidosis, which can cause death in otherwise healthy deer.

In addition to becoming sick after eating inappropriate food, winter feeding can negatively impact deer in several other ways. Feeding can draw them out of their winter range where naturally available food and shelter are nearby, causing them to expend more energy than necessary. It also causes deer to congregate, which increases the risk of disease transmission, including chronic wasting disease (CWD).

The risks to the deer population associated with supplemental feeding outweigh any temporary perceived benefits to individual deer. Creating and improving habitat is a more sustainable long-term solution to give deer and other wildlife the resources they need during the summer months and support them during the cold and snowy winter season.

Various resources are available to help landowners improve their land for wildlife, including the Deer Management Assistance Program, the Wisconsin Young Forest Partnership and the Landowner Incentive Program.

Deer feeding is currently illegal in more than three-quarters of Wisconsin counties. Where it is legal, regulations restrict the location and amount of food that may be placed. For a full list of wildlife feeding regulations and counties where feeding is allowed, visit the DNR's baiting and feeding webpage.

(It is illegal to feed deer in Forest, Oconto, Langlade, and Oneida Counties and all adjoining counties according to the DNR website.)

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Nicolet College selects 2023-24 Student Ambassadors



Kimberlee Soldier



Lena Symonds

Nicolet College has presented its highest student honor to Kimberlee Soldier and Lena Symonds, naming each as a Student Ambassador for the 2023-24 academic year.

"As usual, we were incredibly fortunate to have such a strong group of candidates nominated to represent Nicolet College as a Student Ambassador," said Angelo Guercio, Nicolet Enrollment Services specialist, who coordinated the Student Ambassador selection process.

"It was a difficult decision, but in the end, Kimberlee and Lena rose to the top and I'm sure both of them will do a great job representing Nicolet College."

Students are first nominated for the honor by a Nicolet staff member and then selected for the position after going through an interview process.

Soldier, a Sokaogan Chippewa Community resident studying Business Management at Nicolet, will serve as the Nicolet District Student Ambassador and represent the college at Wisconsin Technical College System statewide events.

This includes representing Nicolet at the Wisconsin Technical College Ambassador Leadership Development Conference and Banquet in April in the Wisconsin Dells.

Soldier was nominated for the ambassador position by Nicolet English Instructor Elizabeth DeVore.

"Kim has been a leader and recruiter to bring Nicolet classes to the Mole Lake community. She does so much to help others pursue educational goals that benefit individuals, local businesses, and the community as a whole," DeVore wrote in her nomination.

"She's an experienced speaker and presenter, and advocates for the personhood, recovery, and future of those in recovery from addiction. She is also a professional in her field, and an overall cool and inspiring human being. We would be lucky to have Kim performing ambassador duties for the college."

Lena Symonds will serve as the Nicolet College Foundation Student Ambassador, representing the Foundation at a variety of events throughout the year. The Tomahawk resident is in the Associate's Degree Nursing program at Nicolet.

She was nominated by Nicolet Nursing Instructor Erica Neilitz.

"Lena demonstrates the characteristics of a quality leader and will be an excellent ambassador for Nicolet – she is thoughtful, compassionate, responsible, energetic, and committed," Neilitz wrote in her nomination.

"She's been an integral part of reviving the Nicolet College Nurse Club. While her official role is secretary, her natural leadership skills have her playing an integral role in all aspects of reviving the club."

For more information about Nicolet, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the college at (715) 365-4493.

He is a good friend that speaks well of me behind my back.



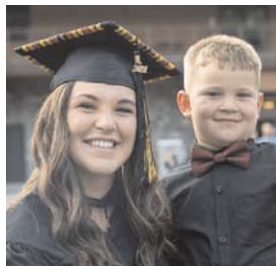
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Nicolet College Foundation launches Alumni Giving Week April 3 to 9



Nicolet alum Shelby Daniels is just one of many Nicolet graduates already planning on making a donation to the Nicolet Foundation during Alumni Giving Week. She's pictured here with her son Michael.

In an effort to build relationships with Nicolet College alumni, the Nicolet College Foundation will hold its first annual Alumni Giving Week from April 3 to 9.

"Our alumni know better than anyone else what a gem Nicolet College is in our community," said Heather Schallock, vice president of Community Engagement and executive director of the Nicolet College Foundation.

"There are many ways to give back. Donors can choose to make a gift for scholarships, student emergency assistance, and more. Anyone can give during the week and Nicolet College alumni are especially encouraged to take advantage of this time to donate."

Since its founding in 1967, over 12,000 individuals have graduated from Nicolet College. Eighty-eight percent of these graduates live and work in Wisconsin and 63 percent live and work in the Nicolet College District.

Class of 2022 Nursing alum Evie LaPointe said she was grateful for the scholarship she received while at Nicolet.

"I was honored to be able to use scholarships to help finish my degree, and to someday offer scholarships to help – just like they have helped me," she said.

Class of 2021 Substance Use Disorder Counselor alum Shelby Daniels shares why giving back as an alum is important.

"I give back because I believe in the community that raised me. Being in a rural area means we face challenges that many don't, so standing together and becoming what the community needs has been and always will be my goal for my own children and all future generations."

Anyone interested in learning more about sponsorship levels can contact Leslie Lukas, Foundation advancement specialist, at lukas@nicoletcollege.edu or call her at (715) 365-4557.

To make an online donation or learn more about Alumni Giving Week please visit nicoletcollege.edu/foundation/alumni-giving-week. You can also like and follow the Nicolet College Foundation on social media to stay up to date.

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Congratulations

Congratulations to our winter athletes who have been recognized for their athletic and academic talents by the Northern Lakes Conference.



Our NLC Academic All-Conference recipients are:
 Adam Seeber, Sr, Basketball (Senior)
 Carter Janesch, Sr, Basketball (Senior)
 Braden Brauer, Sr, Basketball (Senior)
 Brian Sears, Jr, Basketball (Junior)
 Kassidee Linssen, Sr, Hockey (Senior)

Our Northern Lakes Conference Athletic Awards go to:



Max Clark, Freshman, Wrestling, 1st Team All-Conference at 106
 Adam Seeber, Senior, Basketball, 2nd Team All-Conference
 Carter Janesch, Senior, Basketball, 1st Team All-Conference (unanimous selection)
 Ryan Roy, Senior, Wrestling, Wrestler of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference at 170
 Levi Newman, Freshman, Wrestling, 1st Team All-Conference at 152

Apply for the 2023 elk season Application deadline is May 31

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters that the application period for the 2023 elk hunt is open until May 31.

Once widespread across North America, elk were eliminated from Wisconsin in the 1880s. Thanks to the support of many partners and the backing of Wisconsinites, the herd is back.

"Thanks to collaborative reintroduction efforts, Wisconsin's expanding elk population has grown. The state has had an annual hunt every year since 2018," said Josh Spiegel, the DNR Wildlife Biologist in Sawyer County. "We anticipate growth in the herd again this year and are thrilled to offer this hunting experience."

While the northern and central elk herd populations continue to grow, the 2023 hunting season will occur only within the northern elk management zone and is open from Oct. 14-Nov. 12 and Dec. 14-22, 2023. Successful applicants can hunt during either period. Only Wisconsin residents are eligible to receive an elk tag.

Wisconsinites can purchase their elk license applications online through Go Wild or in-person by visiting a license agent. The application fee is \$10 each and is limited to one per person. The DNR recommends all applicants check and update their contact information to ensure contact with successful applicants.

For each application, \$7 goes directly to elk management, monitoring and research in Wisconsin. These funds are used to enhance elk habitat, which benefits the elk and other Wisconsin wildlife.

If selected in the drawing, the cost of an elk hunting license is \$49. Winners will be notified by early June. Wisconsin residents can only draw an elk tag once in their lifetime.

Before obtaining an elk hunting license, all winners must participate in a Wisconsin elk hunter orientation. The class covers Wisconsin elk history, hunting regulations, biology and behavior, and scouting/hunting techniques.

This year's elk quota will go to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board for approval in May. For more information on the elk hunt, visit the DNR Elk Hunting webpage.