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Preparing for More Smoky Summers in the Midwest and Northeast

The Midwest and Northeast regions of the United States have experienced an alarming increase in the frequency and intensity of smoky summers, especially this summer. The haze of smoke, often originating from distant wildfires in Canada, has become a recurring phenomenon, posing numerous challenges for the affected communities. It is crucial to adopt a proactive approach towards preparing for these smoky summers.

To effectively prepare for smoky summers, it is essential to comprehend the underlying causes and their consequences. Climate change, along with increased wildfire activity in regions farther afield, has contributed to the elevated levels of smoke in the Midwest and Northeast. These smoke plumes can travel vast distances, leading to reduced air quality, impaired visibility, and negative impacts on respiratory health. By acknowledging these factors, communities can better comprehend the urgency of preparation.

Raising awareness about the risks associated with smoky summers is crucial for empowering individuals and communities to take appropriate action. Local authorities should prioritize public education campaigns, disseminating information on the health effects of smoke exposure, methods for reducing personal exposure, and the availability of resources such as air quality monitoring tools and protective equipment. Engaging with community organizations, schools, and healthcare providers will help ensure that everyone receives the necessary information.

To address the challenges posed by smoky summers, communities should develop robust emergency response plans. These plans should include clear guidelines for evacuations, the establishment of temporary shelters, and communication protocols for disseminating critical information.

Local authorities must collaborate with relevant agencies, such as fire departments, environmental agencies, and health departments, to develop comprehensive and coordinated response strategies. Regular drills and simulations will enable communities to practice and refine their emergency plans.

As smoky summers result in compromised outdoor air quality, it is essential to create cleaner indoor environments. Ensuring that homes, schools, and workplaces have proper air filtration systems is vital. High-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters can effectively remove fine particles and smoke from indoor air. Individuals should be encouraged to minimize the use of indoor pollutants such as tobacco smoke, candles, and harsh cleaning chemicals, which can exacerbate respiratory problems during smoky conditions.

Individuals can take proactive steps to protect themselves during smoky summers. Wearing N95 or P100 respirators, which are specifically designed to filter out fine particles, can significantly reduce smoke exposure when spending time outdoors. Limiting outdoor activities, especially during peak smoke hours, and seeking indoor environments with clean air are also important strategies. Vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing respiratory conditions, should take extra precautions and consult healthcare professionals for personalized guidance.

As smoky summers become more prevalent in the Midwest and Northeast regions, proactive preparation is essential for safeguarding the health and well-being of residents. By understanding the causes and effects of smoky conditions, enhancing awareness and communication, developing emergency response plans, improving indoor air quality, and implementing personal protective measures, communities can mitigate the risks associated with smoke exposure. A collaborative effort involving individuals, communities, and authorities is crucial in preparing for and adapting to the challenges of more smoky summers in the future.

To track smoke, air quality and fire information, you can access the following site.

This map provides real-time smoke, air quality and fire information. (airnow.gov)

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.



The Cowboys, this weekend, Sat. July 15, at Camp 5



The Cowboys will be at Camp 5, this Saturday, July 15. With great looking horses, authentic looking cowboy clothing and six guns, they will be robbing the train every trip. Of course, the good guys will come to the rescue, and you will be able to make the trip safely to Camp 5. Keep your eyes peeled when you are visiting. These guys have been known to have a shootout after trying to rob the train.

The Lumberjack Steam Train will leave the depot on Hwy 8, in Laona, for the first run at 9:30 a.m. and will be doing continuous runs throughout the day.

This is a special day at Camp 5. The Cowboys provide some special entertainment when they visit, and you won't want to miss it! See the ad inside for more info.



It should be noted that not all of these cowboys are rough looking, unwashed gents. Some look a bit better than the others!

Update on Polk Street Project from the Crandon Water and Sewer Utility

The Crandon Water and Sewer Utility has made progress to the community to insure the safe operations of our water and wastewater system. The Polk Street project was to repair and replace infrastructure that was put in place in the late 1930s, making the pipes approximately 85 years old. There were 13 blocks of water mains, 5049 feet, and sewer mains, 4,595 feet, along with a complete road construction. The sewer mains were lined with cure in place pipes and 13 new fire hydrants were installed. The city received \$3,001,412 in grant funding and principle forgiveness. Unfortunately, the utility is responsible to pay the balance of \$1,009,809 with a 30 year loan with interest of 1.35 percent. The water and sewer rates will increase due to this loan. On average, a residential service could expect to increase \$8.60 more per month.



History on Tap to feature Moonshine in the Northwoods



The Crandon Area Historical Society is excited to announce the return of their popular History on Tap program scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Night Owl in Downtown Crandon.

Local Northwoods historian Jim Bokern will present "Moonshine in the Northwoods", featuring photos, documents, research, and stories that reveal how moonshine operations changed and impacted several Northwoods' communities including those in Forest County. During Prohibition, visitors and residents to the Northwoods of Wisconsin sought sanctuary from Volstead Act enforcement in remote northern towns and villages.

This program is free and open to the public. The public is encouraged to attend in their best 1920's attire but it is not required. Donations to the Forest County Historical Society's "Save the Records" Campaign will gladly be accepted. The campaign is an effort to draw attention to the need to preserve our county's history by ensuring the records, photos and newspapers in our county are preserved, and digitized for researchers, students and local history efforts.

For more information about this event, or the Save the Records Campaign, please contact Michelle Gobert at forestcityhistory@gmail.com.

Crandon Water & Sewer Utility to hold public hearing to increase water rates

The Crandon Water and Sewer Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to an 81.85 percent increase in gross plant investment and a 16.36 percent increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2015.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$103,405, which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 44.72 percent over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch meter who uses 8,000 gallons of water per quarter will increase from \$64.80 to \$94.86 or 46.39 percent, including the public fire protection charge.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. This hearing has no physical location. Parties and Commission staff appear by Zoom. Parties and Commission staff may use the telephone connection as a backup or if no practical internet connection exists. Member of the public attend by Zoom or by audio only telephone connection. Join Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/pschearings>. To join Zoom by phone, dial 1-312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID number 809-53-2930#.

The Commission intends to livestream and record this hearing on YouTube. To access the livestream, go to the Commission's website at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the drop down menu labeled "News & Events" and select item labeled "Broadcasts."

A person may testify in this proceeding without becoming a party and without attorney representation. A person may submit this testimony in only one of the following ways:

- File a comment on the internet. Go to the commissions website at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click the drop down menu labeled "Commission Action." Select the item labeled "File a Public Comment." On the next page, select the "File A Comment" link that appears for docket number 1400-WR-102. Web comments shall be received no later than Monday, July 17, 2023.

- Make a live comment at the hearing. The ALJ may receive live comments from any member of the public in attendance after the close of any party and Commission staff testimony. The ALJ will receive such comments by stating the name of each member of the public connected to the hearing once at a time and asking if they would like to comment.

- Send a comment by U.S. Mail. All comments submitted by mail shall be received no later than Monday, July 17, 2023. Letters shall be addressed to Attention Docket Search 1400-WR-102 Comments Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854.

Any questions, please contact the Crandon Water and Sewer Utility at 715-478-2836.

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Hole-in-one at Maplewood

During the Sturm Humanitarian Foundation golf outing on Saturday, Jim Bauman of the McCaslin Lions aced #3 at Maplewood. The foundation helps residents of Northeast Wisconsin with medical expenses. Pictured are the McCaslin Lions team of Jim Bauman, Patty Bauman, Sandy Zullner, and Mark Zullner.



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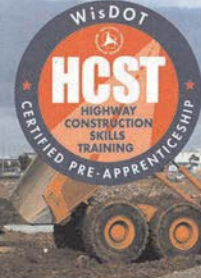
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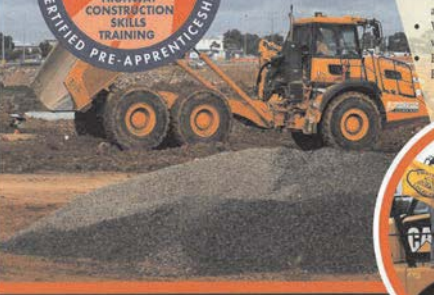
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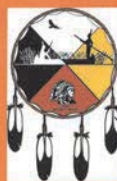
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- Dehumidifiers & AC Units - \$5
- LCD Monitors, Refrigerators & Freezers - \$10
- CRT Monitors, Flat Panel TVs & TVs under 30" - \$25
- TVs over 30", Console and Projection TV & Bare Tubes - \$60

AREA EVENTS

Music in the Park

The series starts on Wednesday, May 31 at the Elcho Community Pavilion. Food will be available to purchase as long as the supply lasts. Bring lawn chairs for seating. The event starts at 6:00 PM.

JULY 19, G & B Dance Band

AUG 2, Red Higgins & Freedom Train

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.

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Annual Community Picnic and Family Fun Event

Sponsored by the Pickerel Chain Lake Association

July 22, 2023

Oughton Park, Townsend, WI
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3 p.m. To 7 p.m.



**Music, Food
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Sponsored by Laona Rescue Squad & Laona Lions Club

Saturday, August 5, 2023

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At the Silver Lake Beach

Pre-Registration is encouraged:

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On the corner of U.S. Hwy. 8 W and Cty. Hwy. Short S. Look for tents. Being held at Thunder Valley Campground.

Thursday, July 13, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.;

Friday, July 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.;

and Saturday, July 15, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Vacuum cleaners and carpet shampooer, lots of Christmas decoration, lamps, lots of household items, lots of furniture, antiques, perfumes/colognes, Mary Kay-new items, jewelry, watches, mops with many mop heads, commercial mop pail, luggage, toiletries, As Seen on TV-new, many dog items, kids' games, kids' toys, puzzles for all ages, kids' clothing (some baby to size 5 to girls, boys size 4-8), many clay pots with saucers, many houseplants, many perennials, many baby items, clothes, women's pants size 8-10, women's tops size M-XL-many brand new dressy women's tops size L-XL, men's clothing-pants size M-L, men's shirts side M-XL, other items for men, craft items, many office supplies, gardening supplies and much more!

Cash sales only.

Questions on sale, call or text 715-889-3781.

2 FAMILY RUMMAGE SALE: CRANDON

- Christmas decorations, bamboo tables, wooden chairs, eco-lawn mower, household and kitchen items and much more. Thursday July 13 and Friday, July 14, 8am-4 pm both days. 915 N. Hazeldell Ave. P15

CRAFTER VENDORS NEEDED:

For Newald Craft Fair. August 19. 2023.NewaldCraftFair@gmail.com P18

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE: CRANDON

- 9407 Schalk Ln. (Pole barn). July 21-22, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Combining two household into one. Vintage/antique items inc., table sets, executive desk, Packer items, area rugs, Snow Baby collection, holiday decorations, electric trolling motor, New Sky lights, assorted space heaters, craft items and much more. P16

NELSON'S MULTI-FAMILY RUMMAGE SALE - ARMSTRONG CREEK:

Four locations: 7988 Hwy 101, 2100 Schauman Rd, 2103 Schauman Rd, & 2295 Schauman Rd. Saturday, July 15 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Home décor, household items, name-brand clothing, holiday decorations, small furniture, & more. P15

Wabeno Lions donate to Wabeno Library

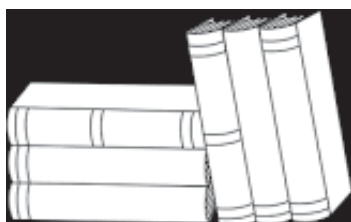


The Wabeno Lions recently donated \$300 to the Wabeno Library for the purchase of large print books. This larger print makes it possible for visually challenged individuals to enjoy reading. Larger print is also helpful to older people whose vision isn't what it used to be.

Part of the Lion's mission is eye care. This includes the collection of used eyeglasses for redistribution to those in financial need with vision problems. The Lions also assist in the Wabeno Elementary's hearing and vision screenings.

Pictured is Wabeno Lions past president, Al Harrison, presenting the check to Wabeno Librarian Cindy Lemerande.

Check out the Wabeno Lions information table at WAMfest on July 22 and find out about our many service activities. You may want to consider joining and serving your community
Submitted by Lion Clare Huisman & Lion Norma Johnson



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Laona preps for Souper Reunion Weekend

Laona Lions Club is preparing for the 101st Community Soup on Aug 5th. T-shirts are being made to help celebrate the event and can be ordered through Creativecrandon.com, Laona Beautifying Committee or Laona facebook pages or Laona All Class Reunion facebook pages. Proceeds will support both the Lions Club and Laona Beautifying Committee. There is still time to sign up for the Laona Community Souper Run find link on facebook.

The Laona Beautifying Committee has joined in the excitement by having music at Centennial Park in Laona. Laona's hometown favorite, Dan Flannery starting on the 4th at Centennial Park. Nashville recording artist, Jordan Blanchard will be taking the stage at 7:30. Festivities for August 4th and 5th include food, music, games, and a lot of storytelling! For additional information contact Lions Club President Gary Aschenbrenner at 715-616-9728.

Vendor space available at Market Day in Lakewood

On July 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Forest Larger Parish will be hosting a "Market Day" at their Lakewood location (15552 Hwy. 32). We are offering booth spaces to crafters, rummage and resale vendors, antique, and Food Garden vendors. It would be great to have children's activities such as face painting as well. There will be live music, including a few numbers by our own Praise Band, and homemade pie.

The booth spaces will be 10' x 10' for a donation of \$25.00 or 10' x 20' for a donation of \$45.00. Each vendor will be responsible for their own setup and removal of unsold items, as well as any debris in their space.

If anyone would like to help out or reserve a booth or you know someone who would like a space, please call or text Linda Stearns at 715-850-0938 or email forlarpar@gmail.com requesting a Vendor Application.

Please help us make this an all inclusive and fun event! All proceeds will be used to further the missions of Forest Larger Parish Presbyterian Church.



HELP WANTED

Help Wanted Kitchen Position

The School District of Wabeno Area is looking to hire a kitchen worker. The position includes various duties including meal prep and serving. Applicants must be detail oriented with the ability to work independently and in-group settings. This is a 9 month position with full benefits. Hours are 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Applications can be obtained from the District Office or at www.wabeno.k12.wi.us, District/Employment Opportunities/Employment Applications.

Send the application along with 3 current reference letters to William Taylor, District Administrator, 4346 Mill Lane/ P.O. Box 460, Wabeno, WI 54566. Applications will be received until position is filled.

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Elementary Education Aide Position LAONA SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Laona School District is looking for an Elementary Instructional Education Aide for the 2023-2024 school year. This position is approximately 22.5 hours per week and the hours will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The position requires working with students in the elementary building, which covers grades 4K-5. Because we are a Title I Schoolwide district the candidate must have either an Associate's Degree, 48 credits post-secondary education or successfully complete a proficiency test to qualify. The application deadline is Friday, July 28, 2023.

If interested, please send a resume and letter of interest to:

School District of Laona
Larry Palubicki - District Administrator
5216 Forest Ave Suite A
Laona, WI 54541

This institution is an equal opportunity employer.

**The Deadline For ads
in the Pioneer Express
is 4:00 pm on
Tuesday**

Middle School Teacher Vacancy School District of Laona

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

Please submit a letter of interest, resume, transcripts, copy of license and 3 current letters of recommendation on WECAN or submit to:

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For Old Times Sake



The ladies shown above were residents of Padus in about 1910. This sawmill town survived until the timber ran out and John Hammes had to close the sawmill. When it was running, it was a complete little community, with a post office, store, hotel and the train stopping by the front door of the store/hotel on a daily basis. The town faded, but there are plenty of modern houses in Padus these days, and it is part of Wabeno now.

The lady in front of the door is Annie Hammes, who stayed on living in the old hotel that was also the Hammes home. She was the sole citizen of this town for a number of years.

This is a summer picture, and those of you who are modern women and dressing in light summer attire should think back to 1910 and what these ladies had to wear to be properly dressed. They may have had the urge to start throwing off their clothes when the temp hit 90!

**MORE HELP WANTED
ON NEXT PAGE**

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED CRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT VACANCY

POSITION TITLE: Kitchen Cook

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The School District of Crandon is seeking a full time cook to begin in the 2023-2024 school year. This position will be approximately 37.5 hours per week. Pay begins at \$15.07 and will be based on experience, with full benefits.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have experience and knowledge of basic kitchen operations and equipment.
- Must be able to clean and sanitize work areas, equipment and utensils.
- Ability to multi-task and work in a fast-paced environment and complete tasks with minimal supervision.
- Ability to prepare, serve and clean up daily meals.
- Ability to work with extreme heat conditions and frequent interaction with gas burners, heated equipment, grease and sharp machinery elements.
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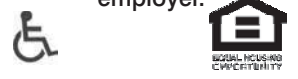
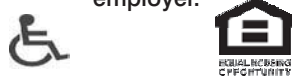


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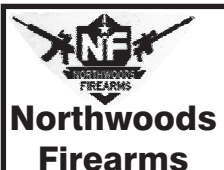
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"This agreement creates a clear path for students with a Nicolet Accounting associate's degree to transfer seamlessly to UW-Stevens Point," said Ellen Mathein, Nicolet dean of Business and Entrepreneurship. "One of the greatest benefits to starting a bachelor's degree at Nicolet is the cost savings. Not only are credits less expensive, commonly only half as much or even less, but local students can also live at home while attending Nicolet, which also saves on room and board. Combined, the savings can amount to many thousands of dollars."

The new agreement took effect July 1. Nicolet's Accounting program is also offered in the highly-flexible Nicolet MyWay format, with students completing the coursework at the times that are best for them and fit around their busy lives.

In order to accomplish this, the curriculum is broken down into smaller chunks, known as competencies.

Once students have proven that they've mastered one competency, they move on to the next. When they've demonstrated proficiency with all of the required competencies, they are awarded college credits and ultimately a college degree.

A portion of the required coursework is commonly completed face-to-face with instructors during open lab times or during scheduled faculty office hours. The remainder is completed online at times that best suit student schedules.

"The academic rigor is the same for Nicolet MyWay classes as it is for the traditional format," Mathein explained. "College is challenging for many. There's just no way around that. Just because a class is much more flexible doesn't mean it's going to be easier."

The Nicolet MyWay format also allows students to start college at numerous times throughout the year. Upcoming start dates in 2023 include Sept. 5, Oct. 2, and Nov. 6.

Over the years Nicolet has partnered with over 40 four-year universities and colleges to create meaningful articulation agreements. These are aimed at ensuring students experience a smooth transition and academic preparedness as they embark on their journey to pursue a higher degree.

For more information on Nicolet's Accounting degree and the pathway to earn a bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call the college at (715) 365-4493.

Nicolet College graduating Cosmetology class of 2023



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"With a curriculum that emphasizes hands-on experience, industry knowledge, and the latest trends, these graduates are ready to become trailblazers in the field and enjoy successful careers as they move into the next chapter of their lives," Stott added.

The next start date for the year-long Cosmetology program is Sept. 5

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

Members of Nicolet College's 2023 graduating class are, front row, left to right, Savanna Higgins, Lexi Heise, Jessica Cox, Grace Bishop, Brianna Cline, Brenda Dickinson; back row, Chloe Mullins, Charleze Valliere, Kaylee Strejc, Rae Kammel, Josh Newman, Marcella Reynolds, Colleen Sheppard, and Gina Calhoun.

Fourteen individuals in the Cosmetology program at Nicolet College advanced from college students to college graduates as the college recently held the highly anticipated completion celebration for the Cosmetology class of 2023.

The event marked the culmination of their rigorous training and the beginning of their careers in the beauty industry.

"We are incredibly proud of the graduates of the Cosmetology class of 2023," said Marie Stott, head instructor of the program. "They've demonstrated an unwavering commitment to their craft and have shown tremendous growth throughout their journey. All of them have mastered the latest techniques, trends, and practices in the

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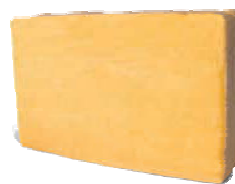
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Carol Jean Statezny of Crandon passed away Wednesday, July 5, 2023, at Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital. She was 90 years old. She was born on September 11, 1932, in Laona, a daughter of Eugene and Marvel (Marsh) Lamond. Carol graduated from Crandon High School with the class of 1950. She married Melvin Statezny in Michigan on November 8, 1954. He preceded her in death on November 1, 2016. She and Melvin were blessed with seven children.



She was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Crandon.

One of Carol's first jobs was hauling ice before refrigeration. She helped cut ice blocks from Lake Metonga and transported them to homes and businesses. She loved working at the Crandon Arcade as a Pin Setter, manually standing pins up for bowlers. From that point she took a fond interest in bowling, having joined several leagues and earning many, many trophies throughout her lifetime. Another job she truly enjoyed was working at the family Texaco Gas Station, affectionately known as Mel's Texaco. Carol was one of the original members of the Crandon Rescue Squad, the Royal Neighbors of America, the American Legion Auxiliary and she became a member of The Order of The Eastern Star on November 13, 1968. She attended as many school and sporting events as possible for her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include daughters, Debbie (Kevin) Brass, Orpha (Mike Russell) Statezny-Paciorek and Bea (Jerry) Collin; sons, Dennis Statezny, Fay (Leslie Meyer) Statezny and Russell (Julie) Statezny; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; cousin, Walter (Pam) Eggert; and nephew, Gino (Melinda Birch) Lamond and Jim Lamond.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Marsha Statezny; sister, Arthea Lamond; and son-in-law, John Paciorek.

Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.weberhillfuneralhome.com.

Benjamin Scott Kerr, 35, of Crandon passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2023, at his home.



Benjamin (Ben) was born in Rhinelander, WI on November 12, 1987, to Susan and Randolph Kerr of Crandon. Ben lived in Crandon his entire life. During his childhood he was better known as one of the "valley kids." Ben was most known for his "tinkering with things." He enjoyed taking things apart and making them into something new. He was a simple young man that loved the outdoors. His pride and Joy was his dog Mya. You would not find him without his dog. She was more than a dog to him, that was his everything.

Ben looked up to his cousins, Billy and Jimmy Gryczkowski of Argonne. They were more like brothers to him. He spent a lot of his time over the years with them.

Ben has five nephews, three nieces and one great-nephew. These kids loved their uncle as much as he loved them. The way the kids' eyes light up when they see their uncle was enough to make anyone's heart melt. He truly had a heart of gold.

He is survived by his parents, Susan and Randolph Kerr; siblings, Rachel Russell and Ashley (Robert) Zagar; nephews, Jacob, Aiden and Hunter, Gaberiel and Levi; nieces, Lea, Aubree and Paytyn; one great nephew, Joseph; aunts and uncles, Jayne Meyer, Charlie and Jackie Russell, Lee Kerr and Robert Kubiak; and his nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charlie and Alice Russell and Larry and Dianna Kerr and Beverly Randolph; aunts, Christina Kubiak and Debbie Kerr; and uncles, William Kerr and Mike Meyers.

A celebration of life will be held on July 22, 2023 starting at 12 p.m. (noon) at the Argonne Pavilion.

Karen Sue (Hauser) Tedesco, 82, went to heaven on the 20th of November, 2022.

Karen was born in Crandon, Wisconsin on November 26, 1940 to Maurice and Luella Hauser. She was the oldest of six children that include her three brothers, Ronald "Butch" Hauser, Gerald "Gerry" Hauser and Dennis Hauser; and two sisters, Jeanne Hageman and Victoria "Vicki" Hauser. Karen graduated from Crandon High School in 1958 and later in life, went back to school and earned a degree in computers from Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Karen was married to Jerome Harris and then later divorced. She remarried in 1982 to the love of her life and best friend for 40 years, Daniel "Danny" Tedesco.

After graduation, Karen lived in Carter, Wisconsin; Lakewood, Wisconsin; Townsend, Wisconsin; Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Laona, Wisconsin; and then in Appleton, Wisconsin. One of her greatest accomplishments in life was going back to college and studying computers. The college degree led to a job at Grande Cheese. She loved to travel and after she retired from Grande Cheese, Karen and Danny would winter down in Gulf Shores, Alabama. She loved being down south with Danny and the many friends they made there.

Karen was preceded in death by her brother, Dennis; her father, Maurice; and her mother, Luella.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Tedesco; four siblings; five sons, Daniel "Dan" Harris, Michael "Mike" Harris, Jeffery "Jeff" Harris, Robert "Bob" Harris and Christopher "Chris" Tedesco; her four step-children, Robert "Bob" Tedesco, Thomas "Tom" Tedesco, Timothy "Tim" Tedesco, and Amanda (Tedesco) Lawless; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and five step-grandchildren.

Karen's ashes will be laid to rest at noon on July 15, 2023 at the Lakeside Cemetery in Crandon, WI, next to her beloved father and mother.

To the Editor:

Since the year 2000 I have spent many hours in the library and utilized many services provided by the excellent staff members. Attempting to do an in-depth genealogical study of my family lines in Kentucky was both time consuming and frustrating using the "snail mail" approach. Laurie and Michelle persuaded me to learn how to use a computer, and since I did not even know how to turn a computer on, it was challenging and time-consuming for the two of them to teach me what I needed to know. I could do more work in one hour using the computer than I could do in two days with the old-fashioned research methods.

The library has played a major role in my daily life since the doors were opened in 2000. I have been treated with great respect and have had nothing but excellent service from all the employees over these many years. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful library in a small town. I am amazed to see the utilization of services offered by the many citizens of the area whenever I frequent the library. Especially noticeable is the range of ages who take advantage of the services offered. I see everything from tiny, young children to old timers like me using the library every time I go there.

I wish them all the best in achieving the goals of their fundraising campaign. This institution is an asset to the community and the surrounding area.

Sincerely,
Bill Sundberg



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It's a sad sad day here in Forest County. Mark Gatton is retiring! We would like to thank Mark for his service, hard work and dedication to the elder community. We wish you a very happy retirement!

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The Office on Aging is looking for responsible bus drivers, if you would like to apply the application is on our website! Our meal sites are also looking for volunteer drivers to deliver to our homebound seniors. Our seniors rely on this service and any will be greatly appreciated. Please contact 715-784-1497 if you have any questions or if you feel this would be an opportunity you would like to explore.

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Monday - July 17 - Boneless BBQ pork rib, whole wheat hoagie, au gratin potatoes, whole kernel corn, mini muffin, grapes

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Tuesday - July 11 - Beef chop suey, whole grain rice, Oriental blend veggies, mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie

Tuesday, July 18 - Paprika chicken, baked sweet potato, cauliflower, raisin bread, vanilla yogurt and berries

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - July 12 - Monterey chicken with veggies, broccoli, buttermilk biscuit, pineapple, blueberry coffee cake

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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.

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People are social creatures by nature. From the time we're born and all throughout our lives, our relationships help us learn to navigate the world around us. We learn how to interact with others, express ourselves and build community. These connections are fundamental to our growth and development as children, but they remain essential to our overall health and well-being throughout adulthood.

"Social connectedness impacts every part of our lives – how we think, how we feel emotionally and physically, and the choices that we make. When we have stable support systems and feel like we truly belong, we tend to live longer, happier and healthier lives," says Tracy Clay, Nurse Practitioner at Aspirus Woodruff Clinic.

Social connection can help prevent and improve serious illness and outcomes such as heart disease, stroke, dementia, depression and anxiety. On the other hand, social disconnection puts us at a higher risk for developing these conditions. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people with stronger social bonds have a 50 percent increased likelihood of survival than those socially lacking.

Creating and improving social connections can take time. There are no official guidelines or a one-size-fits-all strategy, but these tips from the CDC and National Institutes of Health (NIH) can help:

Invest time in nurturing your relationships. Make time regularly to visit with those you cherish and be intentional about catching up on each other's lives.

• Look for ways to get involved with others. Be open to trying something new or seek out spaces where people are sharing in an activity that you already enjoy.

• "Join a local community group, take a class, join a gym or volunteer. Putting ourselves out there can be scary, but regular social exchanges can help us build the meaningful relationships we're looking for," says Clay.

• Get active together. Being active with others in your community can have a positive effect on your health habits and create opportunities to connect. You can help your community create ways to encourage more physical activity.

• Find ways to be responsive, supportive and grateful to others. Send a card, offer to help a friend move or surprise a loved one with a coffee or sweet treat. Remind those you care about that you're thinking of them. Lend a helping hand when you are able.

• Bond with your kids. Parents have an important job. Raising kids is both rewarding and challenging. Being sensitive, responsive, consistent and available to your kids can help you build positive, healthy relationships with them. The strong emotional bonds that result help children learn how to manage their own feelings and behaviors and develop self-confidence. Children with strong connections to their caregivers are more likely to be able to cope with life's challenges.

• Reduce practices that lead to feelings of disconnection from others, such as excessive social media use.

"Technology can trick us into thinking we're more connected, when it's actually contributing to increased levels of disconnection, social isolation and feelings of loneliness." Clay advises putting down the phone for a while and making plans to connect with loved ones face to face, when possible.

• Talk with a health care provider about concerns like stress, loneliness and social isolation.

Baldwin Applauds decision to roll back junk insurance plans

Baldwin has led the charge to limit junk plans that can deny people with pre-existing conditions coverage since they were expanded by President Trump in 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) is applauding the Biden Administration for heeding her years-long call to limit the availability of short-term, limited duration insurance (STLDI) plans, or junk plans, that can deny people with pre-existing conditions coverage and trick customers with low premiums, only to fail to provide adequate health care coverage when they need it most. Since President Trump first allowed for junk plans to be expanded in 2018, Senator Baldwin has pushed to limit the use of these junk plans, and urged President Biden to take action since he took office.

"Junk plans are just that: junk. The lower sticker price misleads Americans into buying health insurance that does not have to cover pre-existing conditions, prescription drugs, maternity care, and a host of other basic needs, all while sticking patients with a huge bill to pay out of pocket when they do need health care," said Senator Baldwin. "By finally limiting the duration of these plans and providing better protections for Americans, we are helping ensure that when families spend their hard-earned dollars on health insurance, they get the high-quality coverage they deserve."

The new draft regulation rolls back a 2018 Trump Administration effort designed to sabotage the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that made junk plans more widely available to consumers. Since then, these plans have continued to expand, however, they are not required to adhere to important standards, including prohibitions on discrimination against people with pre-existing conditions, coverage for the 10 essential health benefit categories, and annual out-of-pocket maximums. Once finalized, the Biden Administration's rule will restore a 90-day limit on the use of STLDI plans, instead of the current four years maximum, so junk plans can only be used on a temporary basis as intended.

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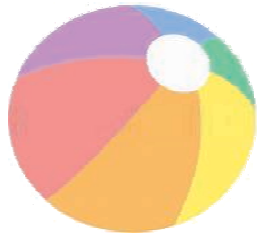
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Rep. Swearingen Celebrates Passage of a State Budget Made for Wisconsin

Madison, WI – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed the 2023-2025 Biennial Budget, which provides the largest tax relief in Wisconsin state history, makes significant investments in transportation infrastructure, and addresses ongoing PFAS concerns.

Representative Rob Swearingen (R-Rhineland) made the following statement: "I am very pleased that the Assembly passed another fiscally responsible budget that places an emphasis on returning tax dollars back to the hard-working people of Wisconsin. Over the past decade, Republicans in the legislature are responsible for a total of \$22 billion in tax cuts. This budget continues that trend".

The budget includes a total of \$4.4 billion in tax relief. This includes reductions in property tax, income tax, and the elimination of the personal property tax for businesses. The income tax will be reduced by \$3.5 million, resulting in an average cut of 15%. Over \$600 million will be allocated for lowering the property tax burden.

"We are investing \$1.5 billion to improve our transportation infrastructure. The transportation budget provides a \$285 million increase for local roads and a \$125 million increase for state highway rehabilitation. More importantly, this budget bonds \$88 million less than what Governor Evers proposed, ensuring that we meet the needs of our local communities, keep projects on track, and save future taxpayer dollars."

The budget also allocates funding to create the Wisconsin PFAS Trust Fund.

"I have witnessed firsthand the impact of PFAS contamination in the 34th Assembly District. This drove me to fight for vital funding for PFAS management in our state budget. I am thrilled to say that we have allocated \$125M to the PFAS Trust Fund. Through collaborative efforts with stakeholders and experts, we are determined to combat PFAS contamination and safeguard the health and prosperity of our state."

Assembly Bill 312 has been introduced to determine how the fund will be administered.

Representative Swearingen represents the 34th Assembly District, which includes the Northwoods counties of Oneida and Vilas.

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**School District of Wabeno Area
Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 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, Dawn Jakubiec, Dan Christianson, Emy Belland, and Carlton Stealer. Administration: Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services.

Board Members Absent: Trinity Shepard

Administration Absent: Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal

Others Present: Brent Young, Teresa Romprey, Oliver Smith, Eli Smith

Verification of Meeting Notice (Compliance with Open Meeting Law Notification (Wis.Stats. 19.84(2))).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve the Amended Agenda. Carried 6 to 0.

Brent Young discussed the town's desire to purchase the downtown baseball diamond back from the school to have baseball tournaments, softball tournaments, kickball tournaments, ice rink, etc.

Teresa Romprey publicly recognized Beth Calhoun as a parent for her support and kindness to her son, Adisun Romprey, from 7th grade on up. She further recognized Beth for her support as a teacher and Senior Class Advisor for making sure Adisun felt included in graduation as he unable attend, due to a state track appearance. She requested the board consider the athletes that may be affect when selecting graduation dates in the future so another student isn't forced to "choose" again. This is an important milestone for a child and their family and a lifelong bonding of classmates experience for the children. She also requested that Administration be more transparent and share their Updates/Informational Reports to the Board with the public. There may be positive items recorded in those reports that should be shared with the public, especially when attending a meeting. Consider adding these to on-line agenda, hard copy agendas at meetings, and on-line meeting minutes.

Motion made by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Emy Belland to approve the Organization Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2023. Carried 5-0-1. Carlton Stealer abstained.
Motion made by Dan Christianson seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes of May 3, 2023. Carried 5-0-1. Carlton Stealer abstained.
Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the payment of vouchers by general checks 84844 to 84994 for \$281,763.55 and payroll checks 900048422 to 900048751 for \$384,002.32, and a state tax, 941 tax, and employee trust fund electronic transfer for \$178,581.03. Carried 6 to 0.

Jeffrey Walsh, District Administrator, William Taylor, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Robert Tucker, Director of Pupil Services, shared updates and upcoming events with the Board. Tim Brauer, Elementary Principal, previously shared his report.
The Board commended/thanked the following:
-Emy Belland and Trinity Shepard spearheaded a 6th grade brat fry on May 27, which was very successful. Thank you to the Bodwewadmi Ktegan (Potawatomi Farm) and Mike's Supermarket for donating the meat and buns.
-Graduation ceremony was very nice.
-Congratulations to all spring sports teams. Girls softball made it to semi-sectionals. Cross country was represented at State by Adisun Romprey in the 800 meter. Great job, everyone!
-Dave Seeber requested that Bill Taylor and Sherry Birschbach make sure the Administration's informational reports to the Board be included on the website moving forward as well as attached to hard copy agendas at meetings.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Carlton Stealer to approve the District's fund balance at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Melissa Hanmann's resignation from Special Ed/Cross Categorical Elementary Teacher with many thanks from the board. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded Emy Belland to accept Beth Calhoun's resignation from Special Ed Jr./Sr./High School Teacher with many thanks from the board. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Dan Christianson to accept Kris Moser's resignation from 6th grade volleyball coach with many thanks from the board. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dan Christianson to approve Katie Gresser as Jr./Sr. High School Math Teacher effective July 1, 2023. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Emy Belland to approve Ryan Nelson as Middle School Football Coach. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dave Seeber to approve 0 new Open Enrollment in students and 4 new Open Enrollment out students for the 2023-2024 school year. Carried 6 to 0.

Discuss and take possible action on graduation date for 2024. Will discuss again in October. No action taken.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Katryna VanEperen to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction Goals for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Emy Belland to make the part-time aide position full-time beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Emy Belland seconded by Katryna VanEperen to accept Musson Brothers, Inc.'s asphalt quote. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Carlton Stealer to accept KCB Supply, Inc.'s quote to supply and installation locker in both the elementary and Jr./Sr. high school. A large portion of the cost will be covered by Esser III funds. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Katryna VanEperen seconded by Dawn Jakubiec to approve the Safe Return to In-Person and Continuity of Services Plan. Carried 6 to 0.

Motion by Dan Christianson seconded by Dave Seeber to go into closed session at 6:51 P.M. Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f). Roll call vote: Dave Seeber, yes; Katryna VanEperen, yes; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes (via phone at 6:56 P.M.), Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes, and Carlton Stealer, yes. Carried 7 to 0.

The board may convene in closed session for the purpose of:

a. Discuss and take possible action on District Secretary classification.

Motion by Carlton Stealer seconded by Emy Belland to return to open session at 7:12 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; Dawn Jakubiec, yes; Trinity Shepard, yes; Dan Christianson, yes; Emy Belland, yes; Carlton Stealer, yes. 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.

-Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5, 2023

-Discuss and take possible action on downtown baseball field.

Motion by Dawn Jakubiec seconded by Katryna VanEperen to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Carried 7 to 0.

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Specifications as follows; Comfortmaker 2 stage variable speed furnace with 14 seer Comfortmaker air conditioner. Furnace and AC size determined on the heat calculation of each home.

If interested please contact the Sokaogon Chippewa housing office 715-478-2001, to make arrangements to view the homes.

Deadline to bid on the project will be July 24th, 2023.

Notice for Bids-Town of Laona

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of Laona will be accepting bids for mowing alongside roadways.

**Please return bid to: Town of Laona,
5146 Linden St. P.O. Box 36, Laona, WI 54541,
By July 13th, 2023**

Mandatory Fall Parent/Athlete Meeting For Laona/Wabeno

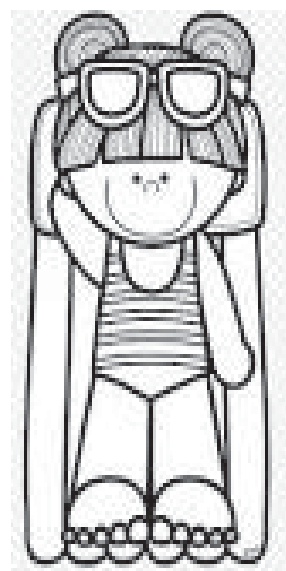
Mandatory Fall Parent/Athlete meeting is set for August 2, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at Wabeno High School. Laona/Wabeno parents and students are expected to attend in order to receive schedules, participation forms, handbooks, and all other pertinent information. Your attendance at these meetings is required so paperwork can be turned in before the season starts. Please contact the coach in advance if you have a conflict with this date.

A link will be provided on the Laona and Wabeno school Facebook pages for the Code of Conduct. Please be sure to check it out and submit the paperwork on-line.

- Volleyball grades 9-12 will meet in the auditorium; grade 6-8 will meet in the small gym
- Cross Country grades 6-12 will meet in the library

- Football grades 6-12 will meet in the big gym.
- Football practice starts August 8
- JHFB begins August 9
- Cross Country practices start August 14
- Volleyball grades 9-12 will start in Wabeno and MS will start in Laona on August 14

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Boor at mboor@wabeno.k12.wi.us



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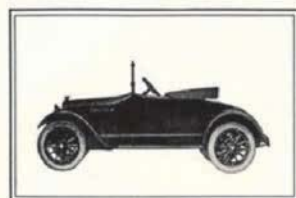
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- 2011 Chevy Silverado- Crew Cab, 4x4, Nice Condition
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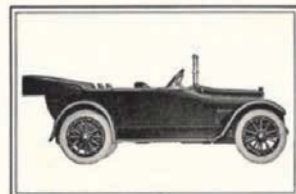


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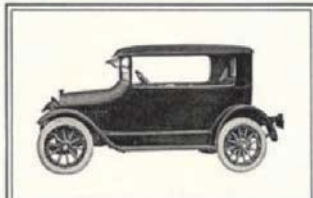
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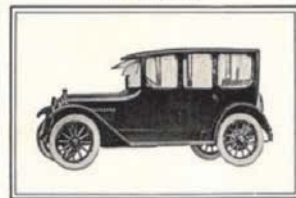
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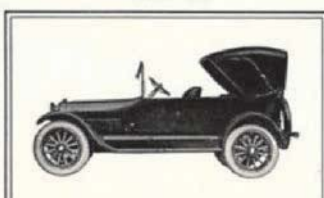
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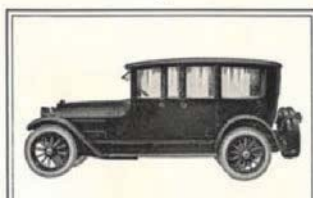
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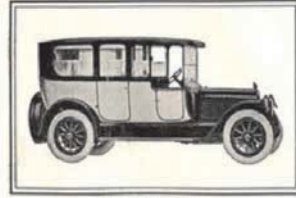
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The cost of our 4th of July

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.

Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.

Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.

Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they?

Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists.

Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well-educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of

Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam

was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.

So, take a few minutes while enjoying a 4th of July holiday and silently thank these patriots. It's not much to ask for the price they paid.

Remember: freedom is never free! We thank these early patriots, as well as those patriots now fighting to KEEP our freedom!

It's time we get the word out that patriotism is NOT a sin, and the Fourth of July has more MEANING to it than beer, fireworks, hot dogs, and picnics....



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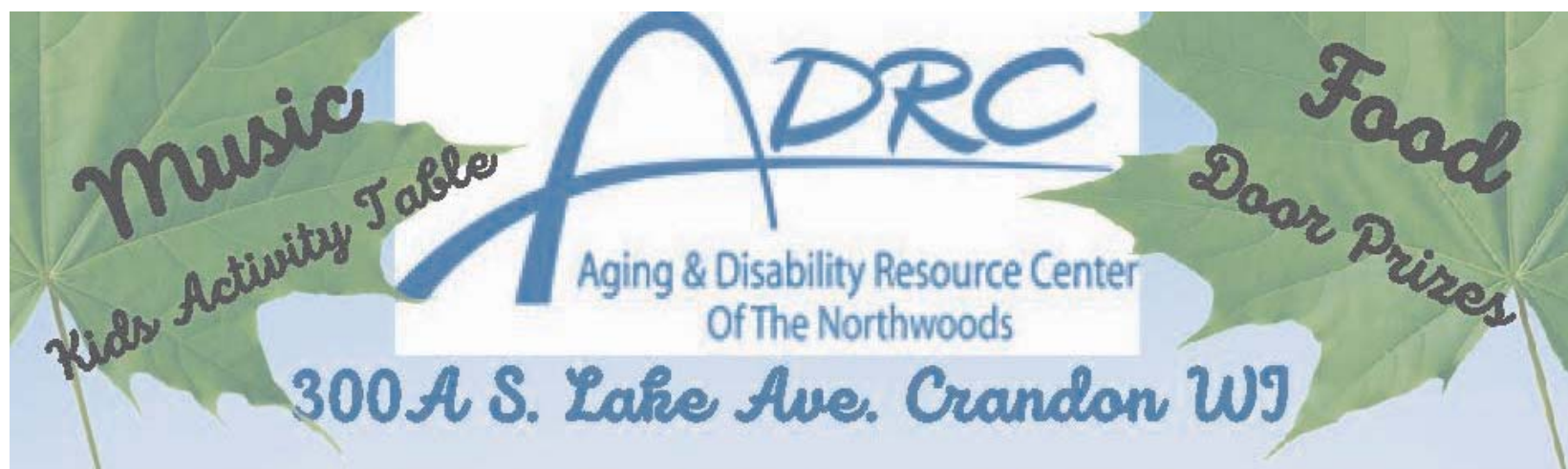
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- *Forest County Social Services
- *Forest County Digital Navigator
- *Forest County Energy Services
- *Health in Motion
- *Compassus Home Health
- *NewCap
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National Piña Colada Day JULY 10th

Earn and redeem 15 same day points for a Piña Colada at the Gametime Sports Bar.

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National Daiquiri Day JULY 19th

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NATIONAL CHILI DOG DAY JULY 27th

Earn and redeem 10 same day points for two Chili Dogs at the Gametime Sports Bar.

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