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Wisconsin Braces for Drought and Wet Days Ahead in Summer 2023

The summer of 2023 brings a combination of drought conditions and wet days, posing significant implications for the state's ecosystems, agriculture, and overall water management.

Drought Conditions

The drought conditions during summer 2023 in Wisconsin can be attributed to several factors. First, the state has experienced a prolonged period of below-average precipitation, leading to a deficit in soil moisture and groundwater levels. This deficit is expected to exacerbate during the summer months when evaporation rates are higher, resulting in drier conditions across the region.

Secondly, changes in weather patterns, influenced by global climate change, are playing a role in the prolonged dry spells. Rising temperatures and shifting precipitation patterns are altering the delicate balance of Wisconsin's climate. These changes disrupt the regular seasonal distribution of rainfall, often resulting in more intense rain events followed by extended periods of dryness.

Implications for Ecosystems and Agriculture

The drought conditions in Wisconsin have far-reaching consequences for both natural ecosystems and agricultural practices. Forested areas, already susceptible to wildfires, face an increased risk due to drier conditions, making them more prone to ignition and spread. The state's diverse wildlife could also be affected as water sources shrink, disrupting habitats and migration patterns.

Agriculture, a vital sector of Wisconsin's economy, faces significant challenges as well. Crops and livestock require adequate water availability to thrive, and a lack of rainfall can severely impact yields and productivity. Farmers may face difficulties in irrigating their fields due to water shortages, leading to increased financial burdens and potential crop failures.

Wet Days and Flooding

While drought conditions are a concern, the summer of 2023 also presents the potential for heavy rain events and flooding in Wisconsin. Climate change has been linked to an increase in extreme precipitation events, and the state is not exempt from this global trend. Intense rainfall can overwhelm drainage systems, leading to flash floods, property damage, and disruption of transportation networks.

The combination of drought and heavy rainfall can result in a vicious cycle. The hard, dry ground is less able to absorb water, leading to more surface runoff and increased flood risks. Such weather extremes can strain emergency response systems and cause significant economic losses for individuals and communities affected by flooding.

Mitigation and Preparedness

Recognizing the potential challenges ahead, Wisconsin has been actively working on implementing mitigation and preparedness measures. Water management strategies are being developed to ensure efficient allocation of water resources during drought conditions. This includes promoting water conservation practices, encouraging responsible irrigation techniques, and raising awareness about the importance of efficient water use among residents and businesses.

Furthermore, enhanced flood management and infrastructure improvements are underway to mitigate the impact of heavy rain events. This includes upgrading drainage systems, maintaining riverbanks, and improving forecasting and early warning systems to minimize the risks associated with flooding.

Wisconsin is preparing to navigate the challenges posed by drought conditions and the potential for heavy rainfall and flooding. With a proactive approach to water management, increased focus on conservation, and improved infrastructure, Wisconsin aims to mitigate the impacts of these weather extremes. By taking these measures, the state can ensure the well-being of its ecosystems, sustain agricultural productivity, and safeguard the livelihoods of its residents in the face of a changing climate.

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Annual Community Picnic & Family Fun Event in Townsend



The Pickerel Chain Lake Association is holding their Annual Community Picnic and Family Fun Event on July 22 at Oughton Park in Townsend, which is also the Pickerel Lake boat landing. The event will run from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Bring your appetite, as there will be plenty of food and beverages. You will enjoy the raffles with some great prizes, and have some great family games and plenty of good conversation.

This is also a celebration of the successes that have been achieved in restoring and improving area lakes. All are invited and urged to attend!

Joe Majewski inducted into the World Concertina Hall of Fame



The World Concertina Congress inducted Joe Majewski of Goodman, a former musician in the Goodman White Eagles Band, into the World Concertina Hall of Fame.

This event took place at the North East Wisconsin Concertina, Accordion and Button Box Club's annual jam from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Tony's Dockside Bar and Grill, W12327 Eagle Road, about 18 miles northwest of Crivitz.

Congratulations!

McCaslin Lions-Active in the community for 50 years



Our motto is we serve! The McCaslin Lions has been active in the community for 50 years.

We provide scholarships for area students. Support the local Christian food pantry, donate to the lakes county library. We support the Wisconsin leader dog program, the Wisconsin eye bank, eyeglass recycling center, Wisconsin lions camp for the blind and visually impaired youth and youth with type 1 and 2 diabetes. We screen Wabeno school children for hearing and vision. We support the local fire and rescue departments, Lakewood/Townsend, Riverview and Doty. We do highway cleanup twice a year.

These are just some of our services we provide to the community. This coming August 5th will be our annual Arts and Crafts fair, this is our major fund raiser that helps support these services. Pictured are some of our dedicated Lions ready to serve you!

WAM Fest in Wabeno on Saturday, July 22



Wabeno will be filled with music and song on Saturday, July 22, when WAM Fest begins at the band shell. In its 8th year, WAM Fest (Wabeno Art & Music Fest) features live music and performances by local, area, regional and out of state musicians beginning at 11:30 a.m. through the evening headliner, Conscious Pilot at 8 p.m.

A student art contest is new and will be in the Legion Hall beginning at 1p.m. for viewing art from middle and high school students from Crandon, Goodman/Armstrong Creek, Laona and Wabeno. The top winners will be awarded original framed artwork from John Graff, an artist who has researched the life of fish of the Oconto River.

Close to 40 crafters, vendors and area artists will be set up on Saturday, July 22 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Wabeno Arts & Music Fest's grounds and across the street from the Band Shell in Wabeno. There will be a wide variety of booths - a little bit arts and crafts and a little bit Maxwell Street with furniture, jewelry, dulcimers, paintings, commercially available products, homemade items, baked goods, jams, jellies, and plants.

WAM Fest also features a wide variety of food items including gyros, "crack" chicken, fruit waffle, cream puff, and other favorites. Also new this year there will be three top winners in the 50-50 raffle.

Area sponsors that make the day possible include Antique Power Association, Christian Thrift Store, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Laona State Bank, Smith Concrete, Trump Lake Protective Association, Wabeno American Legion Post 44, Wabeno Lions Club, Wabeno Public Library and Weber Hill & Packard Funeral Home.

WAM Fest is coordinated by the Friends of Wabeno, a local nonprofit group of volunteers who are working to help keep Wabeno economically strong and healthy through promotions and improvement projects.

For more information or for a performance schedule, go to <https://wabenoartandmusicfest.org/>

Crandon Public Library having a brat sale and a book sale

The CPL is having a Brat Sale (Schaefer's) to benefit our Crandon Public Library's Fundraising Campaign 2023. Come and enjoy a tempting, savory brat at the perfect time of year to enjoy!

The day to get your delectable brats is Friday, July 21 at the Brat Wagon, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Join Jill, Dawn, and Shawn for some delicious food to benefit your library.

The Friends of the Library will be having a Book Sale in the lower level of the CPL on Friday and Saturday, July 28 and 29, from 9:30 a.m. -3 p.m.

Calling all walkers and runners!

The Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA) Community Support Committee is sponsoring a 5K-ish Run/Walk on Saturday, July 29. The purpose of the committee is to support local non-profit and volunteer organizations that provide us important services in Forest County. This inaugural event will raise money to aid in the cost of the Crandon Area Rescue Squad's new ambulance.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., at the LLAA Clubhouse on County W, Crandon, and closes at 8:40 a.m. The race will start at 9 a.m., at the north end of Lake Lucerne and end will finish at the LLAA Clubhouse. Transportation to the race start will be provided with the last ride leaving at 8:40.

Crandon's Kentuck Day event still has room for vendors

Crandon's Kentuck Day celebration is in honor of the many people from Kentucky that came to a growing area that was thriving due to the logging and sawmill industries. There was available land as well.

The event is a great place to shop for a big variety of items with about ninety vendors already signed up with room for plenty more. If you would like a spot to sell your wares, there is still room on the courthouse square for you.

And there are free booths for Chamber members. Give the Forest County Chamber a call at 715-478-3450.

Saturday, July 29th

Over 80 Booths Registered
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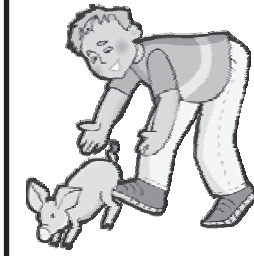
Music in the Park

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.

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AUG 16, Bear Creek Band

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Argonne Fire Department FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, August 12th

- 7:00 a.m. - 5K Walk/Run registration (see Fire Department Facebook page for more info)
- 8:00 a.m. - 5K Walk/Run start
- 10:00 a.m. - Parade Lineup
Crowning of King & Queen at the Pavilion
- 10:30 a.m. - Memorial Service at Veterans Park
- 11:00 a.m. - Parade (Float prizes, 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50)
- Following Parade - Food/beverages served at Argonne Pavilion
- 1:00PM - 3:00 p.m. - 'Old fashioned fun' kid games begin - wheelbarrow races, bucket brigades, three legged races, several water related games, etc. Games will conclude with the famous "Greased Pig" chase.
- Raffles - Thousands of dollars in cash and prizes will be raffled throughout the day including a chance to win \$10,000
- 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Live music by Trigger Trippers and Train Wreck
Fireworks at Dusk!!

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.

43rd Annual Souper Run

Sponsored by Laona Rescue Squad & Laona Lions Club
Saturday, August 5, 2023
Race Day Registration starts at 7 a.m.
At the Silver Lake Beach
Pre-Registration is encouraged:
<http://runsignup.com/Race/Wi/Laona/LaonacommunitySouperRun>

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5K Run/Walk to Follow	11 to 15 50 to 59
	16 to 19 60 & older

Senator Baldwin Invites Commerce Secretary to Visit Wisconsin to See Firsthand How Wisconsin Manufacturing is Rebuilding America's Infrastructure

Baldwin invites Secretary Raimondo to see how Wisconsin manufacturers are uniquely positioned to be at the center of rebuilding our roads and bridges, expanding access to broadband, and providing clean and safe water

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) invited Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo to visit Wisconsin to highlight the state's robust domestic manufacturing sector and discuss how the state is uniquely positioned to drive the country's efforts to rebuild our infrastructure. Senator Baldwin successfully pushed to include Buy America standards in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, ensuring that materials used to rebuild our roads, bridges, water infrastructure, and broadband infrastructure are produced in the United States.

"We have a long and proud tradition of manufacturing things here in Wisconsin, a one-of-a-kind skilled workforce, and a pipeline of talent to drive innovation and grow our economy in high-demand industries. With the new investments from our Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Wisconsin is primed to be at the center of the manufacturing boom and we need to make sure top officials in the Biden administration know that," said Senator Baldwin. "I am inviting Secretary Gina Raimondo to Wisconsin to see the Badger State's potential as a growth center in the Midwest, show that our Made in Wisconsin economy stands ready to rebuild our infrastructure, and prove our ability to turn this federal investment into a major asset for our country and economy."

Key provisions of Senator Baldwin's Made in America Act were included in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including:

- Making permanent an American iron and steel requirement for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- Expanding Buy America to many common construction materials beyond just iron, steel, and manufactured products. New materials could include: non-ferrous metals (like copper), plastic, concrete, glass (including optical glass in broadband), lumber, and drywall.
- Requiring that all of the manufacturing processes used in making the material be completed in the United States in order to qualify as "American made."
- Requiring the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to consider how many American jobs are created when setting its standards.

In addition, the infrastructure legislation includes a reform that would extend Buy America requirements to infrastructure programs that don't currently have them. This means that all future federal infrastructure funding would be subject to Buy America requirements. Senator Baldwin also worked to tailor the Buy America rules so that they addressed concerns raised by Wisconsin roadbuilders and foundries.

1ST Annual
5K-ish Run & Walk
Sponsored by Lake Lucerne Advancement Association (LLAA)
Saturday, July 29, 2023
Race Day Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.
At LLAA Clubhouse (4031 County W, Crandon WI)

All proceeds will be donated to help fund Crandon Area Rescue's new ambulance!
Pre-Registration Encouraged:
Visit our Facebook page for links to details, registration, payment info: <https://fb.me/e/4ynSHXpnf>

Parking available at the LLAA Clubhouse
Transportation will be provided to the starting line of the race, with the last ride leaving at 8:40 a.m.
Race will begin at 9:00 a.m.

RUMMAGE SALES

RUMMAGE SALE: CRANDON - Nashville Town Hall. Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Don't miss the Craft and Flea Market at the Nashville Town Hall. I will have a booth with hand knit items and lots of really nice rummage items. Crossbow with arrows, child's pop up cot, new fan, many new items, very nice shirts size L-XL. Way too much to list here. CHEAP! Come check out all the vendors. P16

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

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE: CRANDON - 301 East Grant St. Friday, July 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, July 23, 9:30-11 a.m.; Friday, July 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, July 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday July 30, 9:30-11 a.m. Lots of toys and children's clothing and much more. P17

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For information, contact Henry and Terry Severson at 715-573-0995.

Reminder postcards are being mailed to persons attending at least one of the 2022-2023 socials. All that is required to receive notice by postcard is to attend one of the socials. Dates of socials are listed in the Bugler Newsletter, submitted to the newspapers and posted at the Legion Hall.

School of the Arts announces 2023 as a self assessment year

School of the Arts in Rhinelander has been a beloved program for more than five decades. UW Madison Professor Robert Gard founded this program in 1964, drawing about 50 students. It grew into a program that attracted hundreds of students and instructors until 2015, when UW Madison held its final School of the Arts. At that point ArtStart convened local and statewide stakeholders to brainstorm how they might keep SOA vibrant in the Northwoods. Nicolet College, Stevens Point College of Natural Resources and a host of local and statewide volunteers and artists worked together to continue the SOA legacy with some generous transition support from the University of Wisconsin.

The program was rebuilding as the pandemic hit, which severely affected participation and available resources. Our 2022 programming was strong and evaluations were positive but our enrollment was not high enough to justify the administrative efforts. While we remain committed to fostering arts in our community and providing a way for artists and community members to connect around the inspiration, camaraderie, and health benefits of art making... we also want to do so in a way that respects the program growing into what it once was: a gathering that fosters statewide connection around the arts. How do we accomplish this? What partnerships could make this possible?

In an effort to reassess our resources and grow our statewide partnerships, a newly formed advisory committee will lead a public visioning session this October in Rhinelander for those invested in exploring how and if this program can return in a way that supports its legacy.

Nicolet College and ArtStart are pleased to support this gathering but have not committed to hosting the program going forward. We invite you to join us. If you are interested in participating in this visioning session please fill out the form at <https://form.jotform.com/231505746824155>

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Property Fraud Alert

Property Fraud Alert is an online subscription service offered to the public that allows them to have their name monitored within the Register of Deeds Office in order to track possible fraudulent recordings that affects their property.

The threat of mortgage fraud and identity theft crime continues to rise and all too often victims of these types of fraudulent activities are unaware their homes or identity have been stolen. While Property Fraud Alert does not prevent fraud from happening, it provides an early notification for property owners to take appropriate action should they determine possible fraudulent activity has taken place.

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Family Game Day & Ice Cream Social at Rhinelander Library

Wednesday, July 26th from 10:00-5:00pm

The Rhinelander District Library is hosting a Family Game & Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 26th from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Help celebrate the conclusion of our summer reading program. Enjoy yard games, board games, puzzles, word games and card games, as well as custard from Culver's of course! Rain or shine, the event will go on (all events will be inside in the event of rain). Culver's of Rhinelander will be supplying the custard and toppings to make your own sundae.

This, and all Rhinelander District Library Programs are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Rhinelander District Library, 715-365-1070, www.rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Aspirus Health recognized as a Platinum Well Workplace

The Wellness Council of America (WELCOA) recently presented Aspirus Health with its 2023 Well Workplace Platinum Award. WELCOA now recognizes Aspirus as one of the nation's leaders and innovators in protecting and enhancing employee health and well-being.

The Well Workplace Platinum Award is WELCOA's top Well Workplace honor. Only 16 employers nationwide have earned platinum designation since 2021. Of these, only three – including Aspirus – are health systems.

"It is incredibly humbling that one of the nation's most respected organizations has identified Aspirus Health as a national standard for workplace well-being," said Craig Ogurek, System Director of Employee Health & Wellness. "At Aspirus, we know it's crucial for our team members to feel supported in their well-being and appreciated for their holistic needs. We want every team member to feel empowered to pursue an individualized journey into personal well-being, and we aim to support and encourage them at every step."

Earning the platinum award shows Aspirus has met the highest standards of wellness support for employees.

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- Initiatives that support the whole person
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- Employee wellness reflected in the health system's vision, values, and strategic goals

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PSC "Wisconsin Energy Statistics" Online Portal

MADISON – Today the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) unveiled the "Wisconsin Energy Statistics" portal, an online resource that provides a snapshot of energy use in Wisconsin and its economic and environmental impacts.

Prior to the "Wisconsin Energy Statistics" online portal, the State Energy Office – known as the Office of Energy Innovation at the PSC – compiled this information and regularly published revised editions of the "Energy Statistics Book" since 1976. The "Energy Statistics Book" has served as a comprehensive source of data on energy consumption, generation, prices, expenditures, and renewable energy development in Wisconsin. The Office of Energy Innovation prepared the new online portal to make this information more accessible and support more frequent and regular data updates.

"For more than 45 years, the Office of Energy Innovation has collected important energy statistics to inform and involve the public. This interactive online tool now makes it even easier for public officials, researchers, and citizens to learn how we, as a state, are generating, consuming and developing electricity in Wisconsin as well as the progress being made on Governor Evers' goal for all electricity consumed in our state to be carbon-free by 2050," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq.

The portal updates the most recently published Energy Statistics Book with data through the year 2021, while maintaining data on long-term historical trends. The data addresses all sources of energy used, from petroleum for transportation to renewables and fossil fuels for electricity generation in Wisconsin.

Key findings in the "Wisconsin Energy Statistics" Online Portal:

- Since 2015, Wisconsin's annual solar energy generation has grown from 1.41 Megawatt hours to 830.54 Megawatt hours, which is enough to power more than 150,000 average Wisconsin homes.
- Since 2015, the use of coal for Electricity Generation has decreased by 37.86% from 380.6 trillion BTU to 236.3 trillion BTU.
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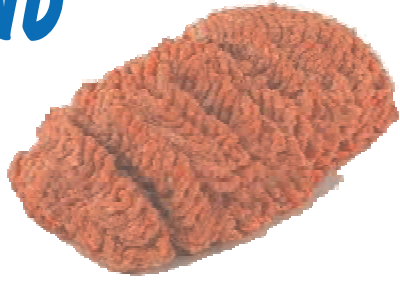
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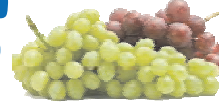
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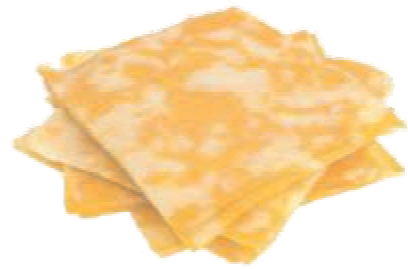
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Dorothy "Dutch" Thyssen, age 86, of Appleton, WI left this world in the early morning hours of July 14, 2023. Dutch (Mom, Mumma, Grams), a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend passed peacefully in her sleep, after spending her final weeks surrounded by the love of her family. Born in Kimberly, WI to Peter and Agnes Vander Wielen, she was the last of 13 children.



She spent her childhood in tomboy fashion, hanging with her brothers, fishing along the banks of the Fox River. She was a majorette, known for her love of twirling in parades down Kimberly Ave. In high school she began dating the handsome boy who was to become the love of her life. Ron Thyssen, the boy who rode his horse from his farm outside of town across the old bridge to Kimberly for a date, never stopped, over the 61 years of marriage they shared, to find ways to surprise her and show her how much he loved her. They were an "On Golden Pond" couple, soul mates throughout their life together. They ran the Thyssen family farm until their retirement, where they spent their years wintering in South Texas, summers on Arbutus Lake in Pickerel, WI. But no matter where they were, their happiest moments were those spent gathering with their family and friends.

They are survived by their girls, Karen (Pete) Dercks of Pickerel, Kay (Mark) Bleier of Appleton, Kim (Randy) Tisler of Freedom and Kristy Erickson of Appleton; 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. She is further survived by her brother, Hank (Pearl) Vander Wielen; and her sisters-in-law, Sally (Bob) Plath, Patt (Dan) Huss and Marjorie (Dave) Mau; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She joined in death her loving husband, Ron; her parents and in-laws; brothers and sisters; and son-in-law, Bruce Erickson.

Mom loved nothing more than her family, Spring, summer mornings, the cottage on Arbutus Lake, lilacs, tulips, geese in formation, golfing, the casino, fast-food, chocolate, poetry, a strumming guitar, the fawns and the birds she watched from her window, fields of dandelions, the smell of the river. Those of us who loved her so will forever see and feel her in these and so many other ways. We find comfort now as our hearts are filled with the knowing that Mom and Dad are back together where they are meant to be, celebrating a love that will last more than a lifetime.

Dutch, Mumma, Grams, Grammy, there was no one like you, for every one of us you have touched by your being, thank you for the gift of your generous love, we're going to miss you beyond words.

A casual celebration of life for Dutch will be held on Saturday, July 22, 2023, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at Givens Farm, N2828 Givens Rd, Hortonville, WI. For online condolences, please visit www.verkuilenfh.com.

"Something told the wild goose it was time to fly, summer sun was on her wings, Ronald in her cry."

Craig A. VanDerBunt of Pearson passed away Monday, July 10, 2023. He was 71 years old. He was born on August 16, 1951, in Milwaukee, a son of Bill and Connie (Golomski) VanDerBunt. He married Susan Ward on April 17, 1971, in West Allis.



He was a graduate of Brookfield Central High School, class of 1969. Craig served in the United States Army Reserves from 1970 to 1977 and received the rank of Staff Sergeant. He worked in the commercial construction industry and was a real estate investor. He retired from Safway Steel and Scaffolding in 2007 and he and Susan moved to their cabin on Rolling Stone Lake.

Craig was a man with a heart for volunteering. He worked with the March of Dimes and coached youth Little League baseball in Delafield. He was a dedicated Milwaukee Brewers fan and movie buff. He enjoyed bluegill fishing, carpentry, Sheepshead, and other card games.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Susan VanDerBunt of Pearson; two sons, Michael (Lori) VanDerBunt of Rhinelander and Steven VanDerBunt of Pearson; a daughter, Christine (Jeff) Olson of Hartland; four grandchildren, Katlyn and Allison Olson, Dylan and Bella VanDerBunt; two sisters, Judy Stone of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Sandy Gardner of Park Falls; two brothers, Victor VanDerBunt of New Berlin, and Mark VanDerBunt of Pewaukee; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers-in-law, Paul Stone and Terry Gardner.

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



To the Editor:

I was happy to read about Mr. Kobylarz's concern for climate change in his letter-to-the editor this past week. However, he goes on to question "the seriousness of the problem" by listing quotes from three well-known activists, whom he refers to as "Global Alarmists." A broader understanding of the context of these quotes would be useful in moving us forward to address the increasing intensity and speed of climate change.

True, the "Snows of Kilimanjaro," continue to sometimes fall on the highest peak in Africa, but overall the Kilimanjaro glaciers are melting over an ever larger area and at a more rapid rate. Al Gore's reference back in 2006 should be understood, not as a daily weather forecast, but as part of a general and worrisome feedback loop that shows Kilimanjaro and many other glaciers receding throughout the world, including some in our own national parks.

Greta Thunberg's 2018 tweet was an attempt to rephrase Harvard professor of atmospheric chemistry, James G. Anderson's, warning in 2018 about the rate of loss of floating ice on the Arctic Ocean. If this rate were to continue, he said, there would be no more floating ice in the Arctic within five years. This melting is already causing sea levels to rise and coastal flooding in many places. Back in 2018 Anderson and Thunberg were warning that there was an urgent need to stop producing carbon pollution in order to preserve any permanent ice in the Arctic.

Global warming is in large part due to the release of carbon, methane, and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere through the burning of fossil fuels remains there for well-over 300 years. A safe level of CO2 is considered 350 parts per million (ppm), and this June the monthly average recorded at Mauna Loa Observatory was 423 ppm.

Congresswoman's Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's comments in 2019 were in reference to the 2018 UN-backed report that stated that the effects of climate change will be "irreversible and unavoidable" if carbon emissions are not reigned in over the next 12 years. Others refer to this concept as a "tipping point" beyond which it will be impossible to return to life on this planet as we have known it. Younger Americans, such as the Gen Z's, are looking for bold solutions, and cost should not be the predominant consideration, Ms. Ocasio-Cortez stated.

What these activists have in common is not "control," as Mr. Kobylarz states, but rather a deep concern for their futures and for that of all humanity and our ecosystems. Admittedly, quotes that include a precise timeline in what is considered "uncharted territory" can be taken out of context and can focus discussion on "proving who's right and who's wrong," rather than on the bigger picture. Climate change has been set in motion, as Mr. Kobylarz agrees. The problem is urgent; you may have seen this week the news report from the European Copernicus' Eyes on Earth that on July 3 the daily surface air temperature was the hottest ever recorded on earth. Let's agree to address the problems and possible solutions to climate change together, and do it soon.

Susan Zach-Crandon, WI



Happy 4th of JULY from the Three Busmen (Mike, Christ & Bob) and Kristi...

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!

With Mark's retirement comes a few changes to the bus schedule. For the time being we will be switching Monday's bus trips to Tuesdays. We ask that you call 715-784-1497 one day in advance if you would like to ride the bus.

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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Thursday, July 20: Rhinelander

Tuesday, July 25: Rhinelander

Thursday, July 27: Iron Mountain

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

Monday - July 24 - Sloppy joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, grape salad

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

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

Tuesday - July 25 - Stuffed green pepper casserole, dill carrots, raisin bread, spice cake

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ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:30 p.m.)

Thursday - July 20 - Baked pork chop, sweet potatoes, green beans, applesauce, dinner roll, pie

Thursday - July 27 - Meatloaf, green peas, cucumber salad, mashed potatoes, bread, cobbler

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

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

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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Meanwhile, Ol's K.B.'s oldest son, Scotty, was prowling around the area looking out for the culprits who had been stealing sweet corn from his dad's garden. It didn't matter that K.B.'s garden was overflowing with sweet corn and a bag or two didn't matter. Scotty wanted to grow up like his dad, who is meaner than a junkyard dog, and might handy with a gun or knife.

Well, Scotty got outside the cemetery wall and heard two voices inside counting. "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me." As quick as he could, Scotty ran back to his dad's house.

"Dad," Scotty said, "God and the devil are in the cemetery, and they are dividing up the souls of the dead. Come quick!" Scotty yelled.

Ol' K.B. nearly whacked his son for being superstitious, but never-the-less, followed him to the cemetery wall. Together, they heard the voices count, "One for you, one for me." After awhile, the first voice said, "That about does it. But wait a minute, what about the two out there by the wall?"

"It don't matter to me," the other voice replied.

"Well I'll take 'em," answered the first voice. "I'm just gonna roast 'em with the rest of my batch anyway."

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Wisconsin Paper Caucus announces new legislative leadership Mursau on paper caucus

Bipartisan Leaders Show State's Commitment to Future of Paper in Wisconsin

Madison... The Wisconsin Paper Council has announced a new Legislative leadership team for the bipartisan Wisconsin Paper Caucus. The overarching goal of the bipartisan, bicameral Wisconsin Paper Caucus is to work together in a bipartisan fashion to develop common sense policy solutions which will help sustain and promote the papermaking manufacturing sectors throughout our great state. The new Legislative leaders of the Wisconsin Paper Caucus are as follows:

- State Assembly Leaders:
- State Rep. Jeff Mursau, R. Crivitz, – Assembly Chairperson
 - State Rep. Lee Snodgrass, D. Appleton
- State Senate Leaders:
- Senator Romaine Quinn, R. Cameron, Senate Chairperson
 - Senator Brad Pfaff, D. Onalaska, Senate Vice-Chairperson

The mission of the Wisconsin Paper Caucus is to inform and educate policymakers and the public about the economic and social importance of papermaking, forestry and printing to our great state. Additionally, the caucus works together to highlight the history, diversity and positive environmental contributions of these important industries.

"It is an honor to serve as Chair of the Wisconsin

Paper Caucus," stated Representative Jeff Mursau. "My district has a long history of papermaking, and families in these communities know of the importance of these industries to the local economy. I am looking forward to working across the aisle with my colleagues to educate legislators on the paper industry and find solutions to grow the sector in a sustainable way."

The bipartisan and bicameral caucus will work to highlight the history and economic importance of the paper, pulp, forestry, and printing sectors and work together to develop workable policy solutions for this important manufacturing segment.

"Senators Romaine Quinn and Brad Pfaff, as well as Representatives Jeff Mursau and Lee Snodgrass know the economic, societal and environmental importance of the papermaking industry to Wisconsin," stated Suder. "This first-of-its kind bipartisan organization is committed to working together to keep Wisconsin #1 in paper production in the nation." The Wisconsin Paper Council is the premier trade association which advocates for Wisconsin's paper, pulp, and forestry industries before state and federal elected officials and regulators. The WPC promotes the positive economic, environmental, and social contributions of our industries throughout our state and nation. The Wisconsin papermaking industry employees over 30,000 highly skilled men and women whose efforts continue to make our state the number one papermaker in the United States.

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

Invitation for Bids School District of Laona

The School District of Laona is accepting sealed bids for the services listed below. All bids must be received in the District Office, located at 5216 Forest Avenue, Laona, no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2023 either in person or by mail to: Larry Palubicki, District Administrator, 5216 Forest Avenue, Suite A, Laona, WI 54541. Please label the bid envelopes accordingly.

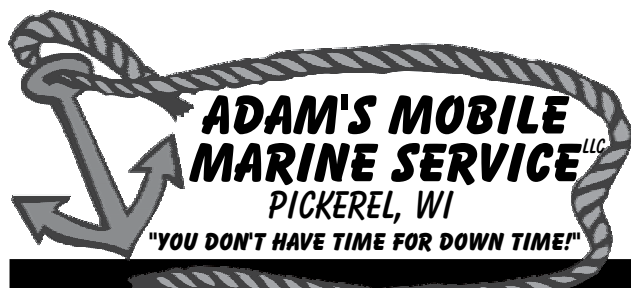
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BOARD OF REVIEW Will be held at the Town Hall, 5376 County Road W, Crandon on Monday, August 14, 2023 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

All persons wishing to appear at the Board of Review must file a formal objection form with the town clerk at least 48 hours prior to the day of the Board of Review. Forms will be available by contacting the Town Clerk at (715)889-2000 or townoflincolnwi@gmail.com (or the Town Assessor at the Open Book).

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At their appointment, whether a Well-Child Checkup or a Sports Physical, student athletes need to bring the WIAA physical card provided by their school. The form must be filled out and signed by both the child and a parent prior to the appointment, and a parent must accompany the child or the exam cannot be performed. The appointment includes a musculoskeletal assessment, so the child should wear shorts and a comfortable t-shirt. If they wear glasses or contacts, the child should bring them along for the eye exam.

Appointments may be scheduled by calling your Aspirus clinic, by using the MyAspirus app, or by visiting MyAspirus.org. If your child does not already have an Aspirus medical provider, you may select one by visiting aspirus.org/find-a-provider.

Governor Evers approves WIS 55 improvements in Forest County

To invest in Wisconsin's transportation system, Governor Evers signed a \$3.2 million contract to improve WIS 55, between WIS 70 and the Michigan state line in Forest County. Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 17, 2023.

Pitlik and Wick is the prime contractor for the project. Crews will resurface the highway, install new guardrails and replace 12 drainage pipes along WIS 55.

During construction, WIS 55 will be closed and detoured for 12 days starting July 17, 2023 via WIS 139, WIS 70, MI 189, US 2 and MI 73 during the drainage structure replacements. After the 12 days, WIS 55 will be open to traffic with flagging operations and single lane conditions.

Construction is scheduled for completion by September 2023. The schedule is dependent on favorable weather conditions and construction progress.

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

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

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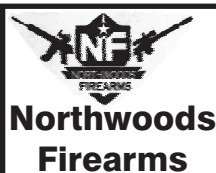
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Children were divided into age group of 1-3, 4-7, 8-10 and 11-12. Winners in each age group received an age-appropriate prize and all participants received a coupon for free ice cream from Northern Delights in Lakewood.

Some were new to this event and some were veterans in eating watermelon as fast as you can. One thing shared by all was coming together as a community to have some good clean fun. The beautiful setting of Oughton Park led to an enjoyable atmosphere. The covered pavilion was welcome shade and the tree lined park adjoining the lake was enjoyed by all.

So, mark your calendars for early July 2024 for next year's event.



The Spongy Moth Caterpillar



Large areas of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) are being impacted by spongy moth caterpillars. Spongy moth caterpillars have a voracious appetite for deciduous tree leaves and have left many areas nearly leafless, especially on the Washburn and Lakewood-Laona ranger districts. In some places, there are great lengths of leafless trees in areas that are typically lush with green tree leaves this time of year.

A single spongy moth caterpillar will eat a square yard of foliage of green leaves in its lifetime of just a few weeks, causing trees to have to regrow leaves to convert carbon dioxide and water into sugars and oxygen. The trees will re-flush new leaves, however some mortality may result in trees of lower vigor from the stresses of defoliation, as well as the recent drier-than-usual conditions in Northern Wisconsin. Most of this mortality will be seen in oak trees, especially in sandy, drought-prone areas. Spongy moth caterpillars also feed on aspen, birch and nearly 300 other species of trees and shrubs.

The following 10 counties in the CNNF are under quarantine for spongy moths (datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SMQuarantineRegs.aspx): Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Oconto, Oneida, Price, Taylor, and Vilas. The quarantine aims to help reduce the spread of the spongy moth.

Landowners can help in the fight against the spongy moth by, while wearing gloves, collecting caterpillars, pupae, and egg masses on their property. They should drop them into soapy water or a bleach solution. Spongy moth caterpillars search out places to pupate underneath loose tree bark flaps or under the eaves of a cabin or shed; or under a picnic table.

"This will help to reduce next year's caterpillar hatch," said USDA Silviculturist John Lampereur.

More information about how landowners can help reduce spongy moth outbreaks is online, here: spongymoth.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx.

"Please, do your part in helping to reduce the risk of spreading the spongy moth by adhering to quarantine guidance and following USDA Forest Service firewood rules," urged CNNF Forest Supervisor Jenn Youngblood. "It is so important that we each do all that we can to help slow the spread of threats to the health of our Forest and all that is dependent upon it."



Armstrong Creek VFW donates to emergency responders



The Armstrong Creek VFW donated to local Emergency Responders. Armstrong Creek VFW Commander Tim McLain presented \$500 checks to Fence Fire Chief Jeff Sterhagen, Goodman Fire Chief Craig Smith and Rescue Squad President Dawn Stec.

Wabeno Lions meat raffle a big success

The Wabeno Lions 3rd Annual Mega Meat Raffle was held on June 24 at the Wabeno Firefighter Grounds. The hot and steamy day didn't keep supporters away. Delicious food was served during the day.

Over 240 meat prizes were raffled off, including steaks, bacon, pork loins, cheese and the Lions' signature prize of eight ribeye steaks.

The meat raffle is the major fundraiser for the Wabeno Lions Club. It supports the many service activities and financial donations made by the club.

The Wabeno Lions are looking forward to next year's meat raffle!

Submitted by Lion Clare Huisman and Lion Norma Johnson



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