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Why Trees in Forest County Change Colors in the Fall

As summer's warmth fades away and crisp breezes begin to sweep through Forest County, a transformation unfolds. The lush green canopies of trees across the region start to metamorphose into a dazzling display of vibrant reds, oranges, yellows, browns and this fall especially, purple. This annual spectacle is a testament to the fascinating processes at play in nature.

To understand the transformation, you have look at the role of a pigment called chlorophyll. Chlorophyll is what gives leaves their green color and plays a vital role in photosynthesis, the process by which trees and plants convert sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide into energy-rich sugars. During the spring and summer months, when sunlight is abundant, chlorophyll is in its prime, absorbing sunlight and converting it into energy. This energy is used to fuel the tree's growth, allowing it to produce leaves and branches.

However, as the days grow shorter and the nights cooler in Forest County during the fall, trees sense the changing seasons. With less sunlight available and decreasing temperatures, the tree's internal processes begin to shift. The tree recognizes the need to prepare for the harsh winter ahead, and as a result, it starts to conserve energy.

Here's where the magic begins. The tree begins to break down and reabsorb the chlorophyll from its leaves, allowing other pigments to take center stage. As chlorophyll retreats, the hidden colors of carotenoids (yellow and orange pigments) and anthocyanins (red and purple pigments) become more pronounced. These pigments were always present in the leaves but were overshadowed by the dominant green of chlorophyll.

Carotenoids, responsible for the vibrant yellows and oranges in fall foliage, are present in many tree species, including maples and birches. Their bright colors become more noticeable as the chlorophyll diminishes.

Anthocyanins, on the other hand, are responsible for the stunning reds and purples seen in certain trees like sugar maples. Their production is influenced by factors such as sunlight, temperature, and tree genetics. The more sunlight a tree receives and the cooler the temperature, the more likely it is to produce vibrant anthocyanin pigments.

Not all trees in the Northwoods change colors at the same time or in the same way. The timing and intensity of fall coloration depend on the tree species. Some trees, like oaks, exhibit more subdued colors, with leaves often turning brown before they drop. Meanwhile, the iconic sugar maple trees put on a dazzling display of reds and oranges.

Environmental factors also play a significant role in the fall color display. A warm, wet growing season followed by a cool, dry autumn tends to produce the most brilliant and long-lasting fall colors. This combination promotes the ideal conditions for pigments to shine.

Climate change is altering the timing and intensity of fall foliage in Forest County and other regions. Warmer temperatures and shifts in precipitation patterns can affect the chemical processes within trees and disrupt the usual fall coloration. Conservation efforts and awareness of these changes are crucial to preserving this annual natural spectacle.



Last call for Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program applications

Seniors (60+, Native American 55+) interested in applying for Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program vouchers will need to do so by Friday, September 29th. While program vouchers are good for the purchase of locally grown fresh produce at certified farm stands and markets through October 31st, applications may only be taken through the end of September.

Both the Tibbs Farm Stand, Armstrong Creek and FCP Farm Store, Blackwell accept vouchers and are scheduled to remain open through October 31st. A number of certified vendors in surrounding counties will also remain open into October.

Please call the Forest County Health Department (715-478-3371) for more information or to schedule an application appointment. Don't miss out!

Art in the Square-Crandon on Saturday



The Forest County Chamber's Art in the Square is always a popular event. It will be happening again this coming Saturday, September 23rd. Be there at 10 a.m. for the opening, and stay until it closes at 3 p.m.

Those attending will be able to see the wares from 60 or more vendors. There will be good food, a flea market and a face painting booth. There is still room for more vendors, so if you want to be a displayer, go to the Chamber booth by the courthouse driveway. There is always a good crowd for this event.

There will be prizes for some of the booths and displays. Enjoy the day!



The Blackwell October Wellness Walk

Who doesn't enjoy a walk through the autumn leaves and the opportunity to support a good cause?

The Town of Blackwell will again be sponsoring its annual October Wellness Walk on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 on the Rat River Recreational Trail. This year we will be collecting for NEWCAP's food pantry, so bring canned goods, cereal, noodles, peanut butter, and cake mixes to register to participate.

We will meet at the Town Hall at 3696 Flanner Lane at 10:00 a.m. and will be walking the west end of the trail.

Pails of colored poker chips will be at each mile marker, and you are allowed to collect one from each mile that you walk. Meet back at the hall to sign your chip (s) and place in the bucket matching your chip. There will be prizes of \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00 drawn from the buckets, so if you walk the 3 miles, you'll have a chance to win any one or all of those prizes.

Sandwiches, dessert & refreshments will be served afterwards. New this year is a contest for the best looking scarecrow on the corners of Co. T & H. Everyone is encouraged to build a scarecrow, starting now, and place it in the flowerbeds. Our walkers will be given a ballot to vote for their favorite, and the winning scarecrow's creator will also win a prize. Blackwell is very proud of our non-motorized trail where once the Flanner - Steger train hauled logs to the mill in Town. We hope you can join us for the walk and help fill the shelves at the food pantry for those in need.

Lakes Country Public Library Groundbreaking Ceremony



A large crowd celebrated groundbreaking for Lakes Country Public Library expansion/renovation.

An enthusiastic crowd of well over a hundred people gathered in the parking lot of Lakes Country Public Library on September 13, 2023, for a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of a building project that will double the size of the current facility.

Building Expansion Committee Chair Tom Thielke introduced an impressive lineup of guests; federal, state, county and local officials, community members and donors. He reviewed the library's history, from its humble beginning as little more than a bookmobile to a 1982 building that was expanded in 1996.

"Since there is no school in Northern Oconto County, the library is our CLIC (Community Learning and Information Center)," Thielke said. "The Towns of Doty, Lakewood, Riverview and Townsend joined hands to do this in order to meet the needs of our rural residents, with an extra-special focus on our future: our children."

Keynote Speaker Department of Instruction Assistant Superintendent Darrell Williams, who oversees libraries, wowed the crowd with his life-story, self-deprecating humor, and genuine enthusiasm for the project. "Libraries are the most important place in any school or community," he said. "Libraries allow you to go everywhere without going anywhere. I grew up in Abbeville, Alabama, a tiny rural community without one. We had to bike or hitchhike 20 miles to the library in Oxford, a magical place where I learned what opportunities were out there. I would not be where I am today without libraries."

Fundraising Chair Kathleen Marsh told the crowd that her committee is just \$125,000 short of its \$1.5 million goal. "Many people said this day would never come, that we couldn't get enough funding for the project. But here we are. Why? Because our community came together in a magnificent show of support and commitment."

"Today is for everyone who uses and supports public libraries, especially those who told me: 'I love Lakewood Library,' or 'I don't know what I'd do without the library' or 'I'd have lost my mind (or killed my husband) during the Pandemic if it wasn't for the library.' Now, let's go get those shovels. It's full speed ahead until the ribbon-cutting next summer!"

The new building, was designed by architect Jeff Musson, Rhinelander, with RJM Construction, Black Creek, to serve as General Contractor. Library Director Katie Essermann noted that the project should be completed by Summer 2024.



Taking part in the ceremony: (L-R) Bob Glidden (RJM Construction); Dr. Darrell Williams (DPI); Michelle Wallace (USDA); Jeff Musson (Architect); Kathleen Marsh (Fundraising Chair); John Zeller (Construction Consultant); Katie Essermann (Library Director); Linda McKenna (Library Board Trustee/Building Committee); Jeannine Albers (Library Board President); Tom Thielke (Building Committee Chair).

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<p>Internet Safety*</p> <p>Learn safety tips. Basic tech experience expected.</p> <p>Date: Saturday, September 30 Time: 9:30-11:30 A.M.</p>	<p>So Many Passwords, So Little Time: How to Manage Online Accounts*</p> <p>Learn to manage online accounts. Basic tech experience expected.</p> <p>Date: Saturday, October 7 Time: 9:30-11:30 A.M.</p>	<p>Improve Your Brain Health With the Internet*</p> <p>Learn online health tips. Moderate tech experience expected.</p> <p>Date: Saturday, November 11 Time: 9:30-11:30 A.M.</p>
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*All classes take place at Crandon Public Library 1 Room A, 110 W Polk St, Crandon, WI 54520

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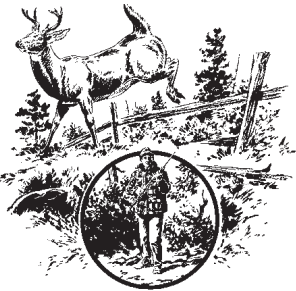
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- **Indian Tacos - 1st to first 150 people**
- **Gift bags - 1st to first 50 people**

Wabeno Post 44 American Legion Social

Enjoy the fellowship of your comrades at Weatherwood Supper Club, Mountain, for the Social on October 2, 2023 hosted by Dave & Mary Ellen Krizek. Cocktails 4:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservation, food choice and payment with check payable to Weatherwood Supper Club in the amount of \$25.00 includes tax and tip should be sent to Dave & Mary Ellen Krizek, 14814 Iron Bridge Road., Mountain, WI 54149. For information, contact Dave & Mary Ellen Krizek at 715-276-9016.

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.

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GARAGE SALE
 5198 W Silver Lake Loop Laona, Friday, Sept 29 & Saturday, Sept 30, 8:30 to 4 pm. Halloween, Christmas, charcoal grill, ping pong table, gas leaf blower, bird bath, waste container, comforters, etc. P25



Thank Yous and Personals



Pictured above are Lion's members Anita Szyzkiewicz, Patty Bouman, Mary Ellen Greiten, and Linda Ziegler

Thank you to the Wabeno and McCauslin Lions Clubs for volunteering at the Wabeno Elementary school to conduct vision and hearing screenings. Thank you all for all you do for our students and staff at Wabeno Elementary.



A note from the three busmen (Mike, Christ & Bob) and Kristi...

Please join us on the bus for a fun-packed October!

On the 5th we will be taking a cozy ride to the Minocqua area for a scenic tour of all the colors of fall! Don't worry, we will have sweets and the bus will still stop anywhere needed with time permitting.

On October 31st we will be offering our usual ride and stops on the bus with a spooky little twist. Please dress up in your costumes for a chance to win a prize! Best costume takes the cake so show us your Halloween spirit!

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY TRIPS: Forest County to Rhinelander, Antigo and Iron Mountain.

We pick you up at your home sometime between 8 and 9 a.m. and typically arrive at the destination town around 9:45.

Walmart is a popular stop but we will attempt to take you wherever you wish. Then...**LUNCH!!!** (Optional) We talk about where to eat and all riders are encouraged to voice their opinion. Then return home, arriving between 1:00 and 2:00 most days.

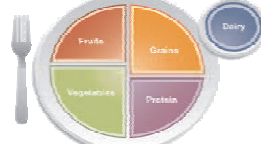
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Thursday, Sept. 21: Iron Mountain
Tuesday, Sept. 26: Rhinelander
Thursday, Sept. 28: Antigo

Forest County Commission on Aging Nutrition Program



SENIOR MEALS

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA

Monday - Sept. 25 - Monterey chicken with veggies, broccoli, buttermilk biscuit, pineapple, blueberry coffee cake

Monday - Oct. 2 - Kielbasa, sauerkraut, German potato salad, peas, rye bread, diced mixed fruit

CRANDON, WABENO, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK

Tuesday - Sept. 26 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, garlic breadstick, diced pears, rhubarb cake

Tuesday - Oct. 3 - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, multi-grain bread, vanilla yogurt and berries

CRANDON, LAONA, ARMSTRONG CREEK, WABENO

Wednesday - Sept. 27 - Lemon pepper fish, baked potato, sour cream, peas, rye bread, creamy fruit salad

Wednesday - Oct. 4 - Sloppy joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, grape salad

ALVIN (Alvin now serving at 12:00 p.m.)

Thursday - Sept. 28 - Split pea soup with ham, fruit salad, salad with tomato and carrots, toasted cheese sandwich, cookie, milk

Thursday - Oct. 5 - Baked pork chop, sweet potatoes, applesauce, baked beans, dinner roll, pudding, milk

Please register with Commission on Aging - 478-3256.

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

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

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

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

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

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Rummage Sale: 7448 Charlie Samz Lane Argonne: Various items, clothing, shoes, accessories, household, etc. Sept 29th & September 30th. 9am - 4 pm both days. P27

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Sen. Baldwin Statement on Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin Resuming Abortion

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin released the following statement on the announcement that Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin will resume providing abortion services in Wisconsin:

"When Roe v. Wade was overturned, women in Wisconsin were sent back to 1849, living under a criminal abortion ban that stripped away their freedom to control their bodies, families, and futures," said Senator Baldwin. "Since then, the people of Wisconsin have said loud and clear that they want their rights back. And today, we are taking an important step forward in getting those rights back. Women in Wisconsin will now be better able to access the health care they need and deserve. I applaud Governor Evers, Attorney General Kaul, and every Wisconsinite who has stood up and spoken out in this fight for our rights. Today is welcome news for Wisconsin, but know that our fight continues. In Washington, I'm proud to be leading the fight to make sure that every American in every zip code is able to make their own health care decisions, without politicians or judges butting in. In the proud tradition of our state's motto, today we move Forward."

Republicans Vote to "Return Your Surplus"

Madison, WI - The State Assembly met to pass Assembly Bill 386; a proposal aimed to return \$3 billion in tax surplus by means of a middle-class tax cut and tax exemption for retirement income. Representative Rob Swearingen (R - Rhinelander) released the following statement regarding the bill's passage.

"This isn't just a tax cut; it's a commitment to every hardworking individual in Wisconsin. The aging population of the Northwoods have given so much to our community and this plan gives them the financial relief they deserve.

"Reducing your tax rate is about more than just numbers, it's about putting nearly \$800 back in your pocket every year!"

The proposal would reduce the current middle-class tax rate from 5.3% to 4.4%; saving the average taxpayer \$772 annually. The retirement income exemption applies to filers 67 or older and exempts income up to \$100,000 or \$150,000 for joint filers.

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It is seldom indeed that one parts on good terms, because if one were on good terms, one would not part. - Marcel Proust

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The Forest County Highway Department is accepting applications for a full-time position. This is a mechanic position. A minimum of five (5) years experience as a diesel mechanic with experience in electrical, computer, fabrication, welding and gas engines preferred.

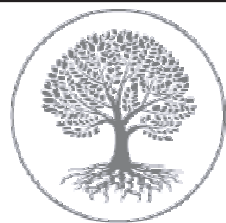
Applicants must have a valid driver's license, a clean driving record with a CDL endorsement, and be able to pass a physical, audiogram and DOT drug screen. Applications may be obtained at the Highway offices, located at 5350 County Road W, Crandon, Wisconsin, or off the Forest County website.

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

Applications will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on October 10, 2023.

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Job Opportunity:

Goodman Senior Dining & Activities Coordinator

Marinette County Elderly Services, a non-profit organization, is seeking a positive and organized individual to fill a part-time vacancy at the Goodman Senior Dining Site. Mondays & Thursdays, 8-10 hours per week. No nights, weekends, or holidays.

Duties include meal assessments, reservations, data reporting, organization of activities, and back-up driving for home delivered meals. Experience working with older persons, good communication, organization and basic math skills needed. Valid drivers license and reliable vehicle required. Call 715-854-7453 with questions or to apply. A letter of interest or resume may be sent to: Marinette County Elderly Services at P.O. Box 456, Crivitz, WI 54114. Application deadline is October 9, 2023. EO/AA Employer

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Oconto County DNR Safety Certified Snowmobile Class

Class will be held at the Townsend Town Hall, 16564 Elm St. (Right on Highway 32). Townsend, WI. 54175. Class will meet on Saturday November 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is a one (1) day class. Student Handbooks will be mailed 2 weeks in advance of the actual class date. Students are expected to read the Student Handbook and complete the Chapter Review questions in advance of the actual class date. **This format has been used previously, and works exceptionally well as the students are expected to come to class prepared.**

Anyone is welcome to attend the course with a recommended minimum age of 11-1/2. Anyone born after January 1, 1985 and at least 12 years old must have snowmobile certification to operate on public areas. Those students who have not reached the age of 12 may not use their certificate to operate alone until they turn 12 years of age. Parents and adults are encouraged to enroll and participate. Fees for the course are \$10.00 per student.

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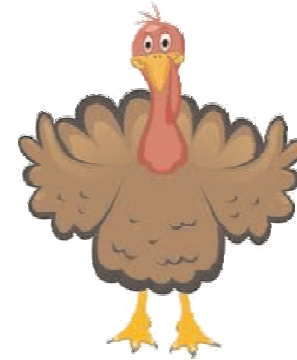
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Nicolet College unveils Fall/Winter 2023-24 Arts & Enrichment Program

Nicolet College to host diverse arts events and personal development opportunities

Dozens of different arts events and personal interest learning opportunities will be available at Nicolet College with the launch of the Arts and Enrichment slate of events and activities for the new season. "We cater to a wide audience, offering our community members personal growth and enriching our entire community," says Jenny Bonardelli, Nicolet College arts and events manager.

Nicolet Live! Performing Arts Series

The Nicolet Live! Performing Arts Series features events including concerts and a Winter Solstice celebration. "Nicolet College is proud to provide a rich range of entertainment from music to teaming up with the Rhinelander Masonic Lodge for the Fright Factory," says Mike Effinger, theater and performing arts manager at Nicolet.

Shannon Hauser & Friends are next to take the stage of the Nicolet College theater. Hauser brings his Roots and Americana style music with a heavy Blues influence at 7:30 p.m. on September 30th.

One of the other upcoming programs is Luke Zahm, better known as the "Wisconsin Foodie." This restaurant owner, chef, and host of the Emmy-winning television series, "Wisconsin Foodie," will be on campus at 6:30 p.m. on October 25th to talk about sustainability, local food culture, and the role of culinary education. Admission is just \$5 and benefits Feeding Our Rural Kids.

Tickets for Nicolet Live! events are available at nicoletlive.com. Several events are also free. The full schedule is on the Nicolet College website.

Nicolet College Art Exhibitions

The Nicolet College Art Gallery will feature a diverse selection of exhibitions featuring work by top artists from the Northwoods and beyond. The (Intuition) Collective, featuring artists from a Facebook group that Rhinelander's own Andrew Egan started, is on display through September 23rd. This show will be followed by Nik Nerburn's photography, offering a glimpse into a world of whimsy and catastrophe.

One of Nicolet College's academic programs is Cosmetology, and this year the "The Art of Cosmetology" will be featured in the art gallery. From hair and makeup to nail design, the science of cosmetics meets the art of beauty in this exhibition.

The Nicolet College Art Gallery is in the Northwoods Center on the Rhinelander Campus and is open Monday through Thursday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community Education Classes

For those looking to broaden their creative horizons, Nicolet College has several classes to explore and develop your artistic interests. Classes include ceramics, stained glass, music theory, and a veteran welding workshop. Other classes include "Making Music for Movies" and "Beginning Piano and Basic Music Theory."

To register for Community Education classes, visit nicoletce.tix.com or call the college at 715-365-4544.

Learning in Retirement

Learning in Retirement (LIR) is a Nicolet College membership-based organization. The annual membership is only \$45 per year, and the group is opening some of its popular courses to the public. The Ced Vig Nature Series, Beneath the Eagle Tree: Early Morning Dreamscapes in Portrait and Verse, and a Remarkable Return to the Wild are available with a separate registration fee of \$45 or free with your LIR membership.

To join LIR, visit nicoletcollege.edu/lir or call the college at 715-365-4544.

Baldwin Calls on Biden Administration to Bring Tech Hub to Wisconsin

Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) called on the Biden administration to bring a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub (Tech Hub) to Wisconsin to help grow the state's biohealth sector – spurring innovation, growing our economy, and boosting American competitiveness in this cutting-edge industry. Earlier this month, a consortium of 15 public and private partners organized by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) submitted Wisconsin's application for a Tech Hub to bolster the state as a leader in personalized medicine and biohealth technology.

"With a rich history of innovation, backed by world-class research institutions, a robust Made in Wisconsin manufacturing economy, and the necessary pipeline of new talent to continue growing for the future, Wisconsin is poised to become a growth center in this cutting-edge industry," wrote Senator Baldwin in a letter to Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo. "A Regional Tech Hub in Wisconsin would allow for the continued advancement of our state's biohealth sector, representing increased opportunities for collaboration and innovation among key stakeholders – including educational institutions, biohealth companies, precision manufacturers, and investors – throughout the state."

Senator Baldwin voted to create the Tech Hubs program in the CHIPS and Science Act and helped secure \$500 million in funding in the FY2023 budget. Under the Tech Hubs program, the Economic Development Administration will first designate promising Tech Hubs across the country and award strategy development grants to accelerate the development of future Tech Hubs. From there, EDA will make at least five implementation awards to selected Tech Hubs.

By focusing on biohealth and personal medicine, a Regional Tech Hub in Wisconsin would accelerate growth in this cutting-edge industry in the state, enhance the health and economic well-being of Wisconsinites, and safeguard national security by keeping sensitive biohealth and genomic data in the U.S.

"A Wisconsin Regional Tech Hub would also help to accelerate advances in health care, spur economic growth in our communities, and create good-paying jobs in the process," wrote Senator Baldwin. "By selecting Wisconsin's proposal, the Administration has the opportunity to demonstrate support for our domestic gene sequencing industry, help build domestic capacity, and accelerate innovation. Wisconsin stands ready and is uniquely capable of leading the way."

The letter follows two events that Senator Baldwin hosted in Madison and Milwaukee to highlight Wisconsin's strong biohealth industry and Tech Hub application. Senator Baldwin first toured the Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research on the UW-Madison campus to discuss Wisconsin's cutting-edge research and integral role in the world's biohealth industry. Senator Baldwin then hosted a roundtable at Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee with business, education, and workforce development leaders to discuss Wisconsin's unique position to be a growth center and the economic impact of bringing a Tech Hub to Wisconsin.

backed by world-class research institutions, a robust Made in Wisconsin manufacturing economy, and the necessary pipeline of new talent to continue growing for the future, Wisconsin is poised to become a growth center in this cutting-edge industry.

A Regional Tech Hub in Wisconsin would allow for the continued advancement of our state's biohealth sector, representing increased opportunities for collaboration and innovation among key stakeholders – including educational institutions, biohealth companies, precision manufacturers, and investors – throughout the state. A Wisconsin Regional Tech Hub would also help to accelerate advances in health care, spur economic growth in our communities, and create good-paying jobs in the process.

The Wisconsin Biohealth Tech Hub is aligned with economic and national security objectives that drove Congress to pass the CHIPS and Science Act and are the focus of the Biden Administration's Executive Orders that emphasize the importance of advancing biotechnology to revitalize domestic manufacturing. A key aspect of Wisconsin's proposed focus on personalized medicine is genomic sequencing. The U.S. must foster growth and innovation in this sector domestically for both national security and military readiness. Moreover, we must protect U.S. citizens from having their genetic data exploited by foreign entities. By selecting Wisconsin's proposal, the Administration has the opportunity to demonstrate support for our domestic gene sequencing industry, help build domestic capacity, and accelerate innovation. Wisconsin stands ready and is uniquely capable of leading the way.

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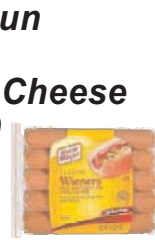
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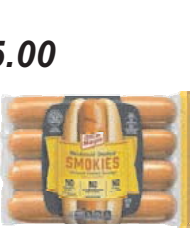
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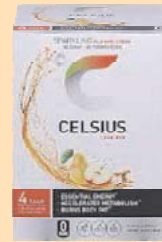


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Charlene J. Drefahl, age 80 of Crandon, took rest in the arms of her Savior, early Wednesday morning, September 13, 2023 at Kindred Hearts Assisted Living, Clintonville.



Charlene "Char" Joan Drefahl was born May 21, 1943 in West Allis, WI, daughter to the late Charles and Evelyn (Herman) Wollenzien. She worked as a candy striper for West Allis Memorial Hospital while she was still in high school, and later graduated with the class of 1961 from Milwaukee Lutheran High. Char enrolled in the Columbia College of Nursing in Milwaukee, where she graduated and worked as a nurse in the labor and delivery department at West Allis Memorial Hospital.

She was united in marriage to James "Jim" W. Drefahl on December 1, 1962 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in West Allis. After working for close to 20 years at the hospital, the couple purchased a farm near Embarrass, WI and later, a larger farm near Tigerton, WI. Jim and Char were active members of St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville when they lived in the area; she was strong in her faith in Jesus and did her devotions and read her Bible daily.

Char worked at New London Hospital for a couple of years until she decided to help full-time on the farm. She also worked for a couple of years at Econofoods, Clintonville where she was assistant manager. Once they retired fully, the couple moved up to the Crandon area on Lake Metonga, where she enjoyed hosting family and fishing off the dock as often as she could.

Char was an excellent cook, and won many blue ribbons for her baked goods at the Wisconsin State Fair. She also enjoyed gardening, canning, and word searches. Crocheting, especially afghans for her grandchildren after they were born, was something that she cherished. If you needed a gift idea for Char, you could never go wrong with cashews, her favorite snack. She also loved to go for day-trips in the car looking for waterfalls to visit in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Jim preceded her in death on August 3, 2023, just six weeks prior; she is now reunited with him and their Lord forever. Char will be remembered as a strong Christian woman who put faith and family first in her life.

She is survived by daughter, Jamie (Tim) Lodewegen, Marion and Cathy (Rick) Boda of Shawano; son, Mike (Shawn) Drefahl of Tigerton and Justin (Patti) Drefahl of Tigerton; grandchildren, Crystal (Jim Tischer) Falkenberg, Tommy (Kim) Lodewegen, Jeni (Andy) Schmidt, Dylan (Tara) Drefahl, Mandi (Patrick Greene) Drefahl, Cole (Jasmine) Drefahl, Whitney Boda and Briana (Eric Bergsbaken) Boda; and eight great-grandchildren.

Charlene was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, James "Jim" W. Drefahl; and a brother, Allen Wollenzien.

A private graveside committal and urn burial will be held at Graceland Cemetery in Clintonville, with the Rev. Jason Zobel officiating.

"A special thank you to the staff at Kindred Hearts and Compassus Hospice, for the love and support you have shown our entire family." - The Drefahl Family

The Eberhardt-Stevenson Funeral Home & Crematory in Clintonville is assisting the Drefahl family with arrangements.

Mary Victoria Gudowicz of Armstrong Creek, WI passed away Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan at the age of 89.



She was born February 5, 1934, in Wausau to the late John and Pearl (Przybocki) Mazarny. In 1952 she married John A. Gudowicz at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Armstrong Creek. She and John moved to Chicago where they raised their three children. After her children got older, Mary worked in retail, and later on for many years at R & R Street Company while in Illinois. After John passed away in 2001, Mary retired and moved back to Armstrong Creek. Mary and John enjoyed nearly 50 years of marriage prior to John's death in 2001. She enjoyed polka music, feeding the deer in her yard and supporting the Green Bay Packers. Her talent for quilting led her to many craft shows where she would sell her works of art.

Survivors include her daughter, Deborah Gudowicz; son, Gerald (Diane) Gudowicz; also her sister, Florence (Bill) Church; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, John; daughter, Beverly Gudowicz; and nephew, Joseph Mazarny.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Goodman. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. until the time of Mass. Burial will follow Mass at Pine Hill Cemetery in Armstrong Creek. Father Soja Joseph will be presiding.

Our thanks to the Marshfield Medical Center staff and Optalis Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility, and to each of her physical, occupational and speech therapists over the past three years.

Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of our dear mother, **Myrtle Fraley**, as she peacefully went home to our lord on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the age 96. Myrtle was born on July 25, 1927.



Myrtle Ann Packard married Mervel Fraley on November 17, 1946. Together they had 5 children. Myrtle (mom) was a wonderful, loving mother, grandmother, mother in-law, sister, aunt, and sister in-law and friend to all who were blessed to know her. She enjoyed spending time loving each of own children and grandchildren. Mom has always been there for all of us. She also enjoyed dancing, playing bingo, singing, fishing, baking, and an occasional casino run. Her jobs consisted of working in theater, Anchor Hocking company, IGA store and received the Bell award for her 20 years of service dedication as cook for the Crandon School District from which she retired. She also received numerous awards and certificate pins for her volunteer work at Crandon VFW auxiliary. Our family was blessed to have her in all our lives as long as we did. She will be missed, remembered, and loved by all. REST IN PEACE MOM, MAY GOD BLESS YOU, WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!!!

Myrtle is preceded in death by her husband, Mervel Fraley; daughter, Donna Giessel; sons-in-law, Jim Giessel, Ben Weiher and Kent Mullins; parents, George and Grace Packard; sisters, Dorothy Walentowski, Millie Walentowski and Inez Walentowski; and brothers, Hobert Packard, Henry Packard, George Packard, Elmer Packard, Homer Packard, Randal Packard and Ruben Packard. Myrtle was the last of her family to return home.

She is survived by daughters, Coleen Mullins, Connie Flannery and Pamela Slagowski; son, Richard Fraley; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 22, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Praise Chapel Community Church. Service will be held at 11 am. Pastor Franz Gerber will preside. Interment will be at Crandon Lakeside Cemetery following services at church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Weber-Hill & Packard Funeral Home.

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George Gerald Van Zile Sr.



"Negonegamek," entered the spirit world on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Family was by his side at home while under the care of Compassus Hospice.

He was born July 7, 1946, in Crandon to Henry and Jane (Polar) VanZile. Following school, George went directly into the workforce. He was a logger for many years. He married Donna Alloway in Stone Lake on August 26, 1972. The couple raised five children together. George was blessed twice as a grandfather and a great-grandfather. George truly enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping rabbits and muskrats, gardening, especially corn and tomatoes, wild berry picking, and wild rice harvesting. He also enjoyed camping and boating on area lakes. George was also a very talented birch bark canoe builder. He spoke highly of his trips to Florida where he was able to fulfill his dream of a deep-sea excursion. He was a true Wisconsin sports fan, following the Packers, Brewers, Bucks and Badgers. George also loved the entertainment of watching old western movies, the Game Show Network and gambling.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; daughters, Aiyana VanZile and Marilee VanZile; sons, Christopher VanZile, George Jr. (Jennifer) VanZile and David VanZile; sisters, Connie VanZile, Sally McGeshick and Tina VanZile; brothers, Henry VanZile Jr., James VanZile, Warren VanZile and Matthew VanZile; 19 grandchildren, Alyza (Caleb) Leach, Savannah VanZile, Dawson VanZile, Malakhi VanZile, Tehya VanZile, Abey VanZile, Lilliana VanZile, Hunter VanZile, Adonis Hancock, Zurielle VanZile, Molly VanZile, Nasira Ely, Brittney VanZile, Alexander Hancock, Sawyer VanZile, Ezra VanZile, Matthias Daniels, Zaria VanZile, and Everett Landru; three great-grandchildren, Kai Leach, Elsie Leach, and Senyawasnokwe VanZile.

George had many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Joann VanZile, Peggy Lou VanZile and Marge Galvan; and brothers, Timothy VanZile and Kenneth VanZile.

Visitation and Wake began at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Mole Lake Cultural Center. Traditional Native Services will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2023, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Services will be led by Robert VanZile and Rick VanZile.

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

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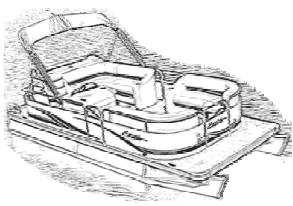
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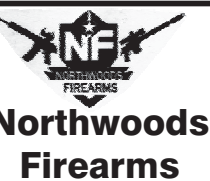
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Monday - Scrambled eggs, biscuit & gravy, breakfast potatoes, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk

Tuesday - Assorted cereal, berry cups, fruit juice, milk

Wednesday - Cheese omelet, early risers, pears, fruit juice, milk

Thursday - Scrambled eggs, country fried steak, breakfast potatoes, pineapple tidbits, fruit juice, milk

Friday - Cinnamon rolls, yogurt, fruit cocktail, fruit juice, milk

Wabeno School Lunch Menu Sept., 25 - 29

Monday - Chili/w whole grain crackers, baked potato, broccoli, apple slices, garden bar, milk

Tuesday - Corn dog, potato wedges, peas & carrots, fruit cocktail, ice cream sandwiches, garden bar, milk

Wednesday - BBQ pork sandwich, chips, green beans, pineapple tidbits, garden bar, milk

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